



EEC imposes diplomatic sanctions only

Spain and Greece will not allow US bases to be used to launch attacks on Libya, and Cyprus has vetoed the use of British bases on the island.

Libya put into operation its contingency plan for a US air attack, including the removal of most military to emergency airfields.

The 12 EEC countries decided to impose limited diplomatic sanctions on Libya, but urged all sides to act with restraint.

Britain says it has "compelling" evidence of its own of Libyan involvement in recent and planned future terrorist actions.

The European Community invoked limited diplomatic sanctions against Libya yesterday, but at the same time urged "restraint on all sides" in an apparent reference to possible US military action.

After a four-hour emergency meeting of EEC foreign ministers called at The Hague to deal with the crisis, the 12 nations issued a communiqué calling for "restrictions on the freedom of movement of diplomatic and consular personnel, reduction of the staff of diplomatic and consular missions, stricter visa requirements and procedures" for Libyan nationals.

The ministers also decided to reinforce a ban first imposed on January 27 on military exports to Libya.

In an obvious reference to the threat of a US-Libyan military confrontation in the Mediterranean, the EEC nations said that "in order to enable the achievement of a political solution, avoiding further escalation of military tension in the region, with all the inherent dangers, the Twelve underline the need for restraint on all sides".

In a broad-ranging attack on the terrorism that has plagued Western Europe in the last 16 months, the ministers named Libya several times in the communiqué, and significantly, aimed their measures against all states involved in terrorism.

The ministers also decided to invite the Arab states to join with them to "analyze jointly and urgently the issue of international terrorism".

The communiqué said the EEC nations would instruct "experts" immediately to identify appropriate measures to guard against terrorism, "in particular security measures, the application of international conventions on diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities and the safety of civil aviation".

While rejecting anticipated economic sanctions, the EEC nations declared that "states clearly implicated in supporting terrorism should be induced to renounce such support and to respect the rules of international law. They call upon Libya to act accordingly".

The ministers "reject the unacceptable threats made by Libyan leaders against member states which deliberately encourage recourse to acts of violence and directly threaten Europe".

"Any action of this sort will meet with a vigorous and appropriate response on the part of the Twelve".

That was a clear reference to threats by Colonel Gaddafi to retaliate against southern European nations, specifically Italy and Spain, if the US launched a military attack on Libya.

"Outrages like the ones recently perpetrated on the TWA aircraft and in a discotheque in Berlin can never be justified," said the communiqué, referring to recent bombings.

The limited sanctions were seen as a compromise, since Britain had proposed the shutdown of all Libyan People's Bureaux in EEC nations.

Britain's proposal ran into stiff opposition from France, Italy and West Germany.

President Reagan was yesterday studying whether the moves against Libya go far enough to justify calling off the threat of swift military action by American warships standing by in the Mediterranean.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, flew directly from The Hague to Washington for consultations today with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and will meet President Reagan at the White House tomorrow.

It is clear that he will urge the Administration not to launch an attack on Libya.

The European response is bound to be a crucial element in weighing America's next move. All the signs yesterday were that a firm decision still had not been taken, although there were unconfirmed reports that the American fleet was on the move.

Gadaffi prepares for US attack

From Robert Fisk Tripoli

Libya yesterday put into operation its contingency plan for an American air attack, calling a medical alert in the country's main hospitals, moving its naval vessels to protected berths in Tripoli Harbour and reportedly flying most of its military aircraft from their coastal bases to emergency airfields in the desert.

Few foreign workers have decided to leave Libya — only one small British oil servicing company has ordered six of its employees to send their families home.

There are distinct signs, however, that the Libyan authorities are at last beginning to realize just what a confrontation with the American Sixth Fleet might entail.

While maintaining their outwardly aggressive attitude towards Washington, the Libyans yesterday again denied any responsibility for the West Berlin nightclub bombing and repeated their desire that the Mediterranean should become a "lake of peace".

As expected, Colonel Gaddafi's "People's Congresses" have made further loud declarations of retaliation if the Americans attack, swearing that Libyan "suicide squads" are in readiness to assault US interests throughout the world. Western diplomats here treat such statements with almost familiar weariness, if not disdain.

Some of them doubt that Colonel Gaddafi would be prepared to involve Italy and Greece in any revenge he wished to exact on the Americans.

In Tripoli Harbour yesterday missile boats and a naval transport vessel could be seen manoeuvring to jetties alongside merchant ships — probably in the assumption that American pilots would not risk bombing them for fear of wounding foreign seamen — while Libyan fighter aircraft banked sharply overhead. A number of military aircraft could be seen rising from the area of the Wheelus Field air base.

There has also been more military traffic on the roads around the capital, including an Army truck pulling two large radar dishes draped in camouflage nets. A number of radio communications vehicles have also been moved through the city and a number of the wireless masts on the harbourside have been clearly visible on their decks. But a Soviet Navy warship, which was tied up at Tripoli for more than a week, put to sea several days ago. If its presence might have deflected an American attack, the Russians were presumably not prepared to risk the sacrifice.

Meanwhile, hospitals here have received fresh supplies of blood and plasma although there is no apparent sign of panic — or depression. Shops and businesses were open as usual yesterday and the country's single daily newspaper contained a number of well-written patriotic telegrams to Colonel Gaddafi from "People's Congresses" in Tripoli and Benghazi.

Libyan jets flew reconnaissance missions past the capital for much of the afternoon, but air activity along the coast may not continue much longer if reports are confirmed of Libyan aircraft redeployment to the south.



Coat of arms approved

Miss Sarah Ferguson leaving the College of Arms in London yesterday after her own coat of arms was approved by the Garter King of Arms in preparation for her marriage to Prince Andrew.

Mr Peter Spurrier, Portcullis Pursuivant at the college, said: "A design has been agreed and approved by Garter, Miss Ferguson and the Queen. It will be available from about the twenty-first of this month in black and white and colour. It is appropriate for a person marrying into the Royal family to have their own heraldic identity."

Garter, the senior Officer of Arms, has specific responsibility for designing royal heraldry in conjunction with the grantee, in this case Miss Ferguson. So far there is no indication what it will look like.

Manufacturers of souvenirs want to use the couple's heraldry on their Royal wedding products.

The official souvenir for the Royal Wedding will be on sale from late next month.

An official programme will be sold separately from the souvenir, just before the wedding day on July 23.

Garter, the senior Officer of High society designer, page 20

Reward plan in Dublin kidnap

From Richard Ford, Dublin

The family of kidnap victim Mrs Jennifer Guinness is expected to offer an Ir £50,000 reward for information about her whereabouts, after a week of silence from her kidnapers.

The plan is an attempt to break the silence that has baffled police and brought no clues in the hunt for Mrs Guinness, aged 48, who was abducted from her home at Howth, north of Dublin, seven days ago.

Mr John Guinness, chairman of the Guinness and Mahon merchant bank, discussed offering the reward with detectives, who are growing increasingly anxious for the safety of his wife.

In previous kidnaps members of the gang have contacted the family to leave instructions on how and where ransom demands are to be paid. Since a demand for Ir£2 million for the release of Mrs Guinness, the police say they have heard nothing from the trio led by a man called "the Colonel".

Archbishop Donald Caird, the Protestant Primate of Dublin, said yesterday that he would be prepared to act as an intermediary if the family requested his assistance.

With the family closeted at their home awaiting a phone call, police searched 30 trailers in Howth harbour and raided houses in Dublin, including flats in the Ballymun area of the city. Later Mrs Joan Sandford, sister of the missing woman, said "I just want to talk to my sister again."

Mr Alan Dukes, the Minister for Justice, visited Raheny police station and was given a briefing by senior officers involved in the search. Superintendent Frank Hanlon said: "I hope the delay in hearing from the kidnapers does not indicate anything sinister. We can only assume it is a tactic of the gang."

Police in the republic remain convinced that the gang is criminal rather than subversive, but in any event the Irish government will resist any effort to pay a ransom. It is understood that Irish police are liaising closely with Scotland Yard and if the Gardaí suspect a ransom is to be paid in the United Kingdom, Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, will ask Mrs Thatcher to attempt to block payment.

Meanwhile, the family of a suspect detained in connection with the kidnapping successfully applied for a conditional writ of habeas corpus. Michael Cribben was arrested last Sunday on suspicion of firearms offences. The Gardaí does not believe he was involved in the abduction.

Portfolio Gold

The Times' unique share-price competition has been relaunched this week as Portfolio Gold, with a daily prize of £4,000 and a weekly prize of £8,000.

You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to join in the game. Newsagents have been receiving supplies throughout last week, and copies of the current Sunday Times Magazine contained a gold card.

If you have any difficulty obtaining one, details of where to apply appear on page 3 today.

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£10,000 to be won today

There is £10,000 to be won in today's Portfolio Gold competition — £6,000 because no one won on Saturday or yesterday, plus today's £4,000 prize.

Violence fear as man dies

By Garin Bell

Fears of renewed violence in Ulster were raised yesterday when a man died in hospital after being struck by a plastic bullet, fired by police during rioting in Portadown on Easter Monday.

Mr Keith White, aged 20, of Lurgan, had been on a life-support machine at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, since being injured in the clashes, sparked by a police ban on a loyalist parade. He had never regained consciousness.

His father, Mr Cecil White, immediately appealed on a local radio station to loyalist militants not to stage protest demonstrations over his son's death. "Please, please, I don't want any disturbances. Please keep off the streets."

Mr Alan Wright, chairman of the Ulster Loyalist Clubs, also appealed for calm, but said he believed that the police should make a gesture to the loyalist community by suspending from duty the officer responsible until the facts could be established by an inquiry.

A loyalists' workers committee meanwhile called on industry throughout Northern Ireland to stop for 30 minutes each hour, from 11 am today, as a mark of respect to the dead man.

Tomorrow Towards a common aim



Mr Sonny Ramphal, Secretary-General, tells how the Queen keeps the Commonwealth together

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Britain has own terror evidence

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The British government considers the evidence implicating Libya in recent terrorist actions to be "compelling".

This emerged yesterday from reliable Whitehall sources, who indicated that the Government was not just relying on American evidence, but also had its own.

The most likely source of British information on Libyan government activities would be the monitoring of communications at Cyprus, which could have intercepted Libyan messages.

The sources said that the "quite convincing" evidence related not only to past involvement, but also to Libyan participation in plans for future terrorist activities.

The Government throughout the past few days, during which it has shared the general European lack of enthusiasm for military action against Libya, has consistently argued that any action should be within international law, which included a right of action in self-defence.

But the British interpretation is that while action directly against terrorism may be within the law, military action against Libya's armed forces would not.

In recent days the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been re-emphasising its long-standing advice to Britons contemplating going to Libya that if they go they do so on their own responsibility, and that they should think carefully first.

It says that because Britain does not have diplomatic relations with Libya there is only very limited assistance that can be given to Britons who go there.

There were unusual levels of flying activity yesterday, involving F111 bombers, at the American air force base at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, with aircrews on a high state of alert.

This was interpreted by some as being related to the Libyan crisis. But a spokesman at the base said it was part of a long planned exercise, which had been announced some months ago, to prepare for a Nato evaluation of the base's performance, next month.

Failed to secure his support.

On Sunday General Walters went on to Bonn, where he met Chancellor Kohl, and yesterday had talks with President Mitterrand in Paris before flying to Rome, where he is to meet Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister.

Cyprus yesterday said it had told Britain that its sovereign area bases on the island could not be used to assist American strikes against Libya.

The Cypriot Foreign Minister, Mr George Iacovou, reiterated to the British High Commissioner, Mr John Wilberforce, that the British bases cannot be used.

At yesterday's meeting of EEC foreign ministers at The Hague, Britain had been hoping to persuade the Community to adopt a number of measures which it has already adopted.

These include the closing of Libyan People's Bureaux, which serve as Libyan embassies; restrictive policies on issuing entry visas to Libyans; and refusing to grant financial guarantees on exports to Libya.

Hurd concession may kill Shops Bill

By Anthony Devins, Political Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, last night provided the Commons opponents of Sunday trading with a surprise new weapon with which to kill the Government's Shops Bill.

Opening the second reading debate on the legislation in the Commons, Mr Hurd surprised his senior ministerial colleagues with an off-the-cuff promise that there would be no timetable guarantee on the Bill's committee debates.

Senior Opposition sources said immediately afterwards that they would be tabling hundreds of amendments to the Bill which, because of its open-ended consideration and because of the extent of all-party opposition, could now fail for lack of time.

Mr Hurd's pledge of unlimited debate was delivered in response to a question from Mr Ted Rowlands, Labour MP for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, who asked for a guarantee that in addition to the promise of free votes there would also be no guillotine on committee stage proceedings.

The Home Secretary replied, without hesitation: "I will gladly give that guarantee."

Looks of surprise and pain passed across the faces of Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, and Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the House, and although Home Office sources said that the matter would have been considered beforehand, ministerial sources said later there had been no discussion.

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Mr Hurd's pledge was greeted with unrestrained glee by the Bill's Conservative and Opposition critics in the House.

Some sources tried to make the best of Mr Hurd's commitment by saying that it might have been difficult to make a guillotine work. But the result is that if the committee fails to reach a quick compromise, the Bill will be killed off.

The Government's free-vote concession had been delivered last week in an attempt to save the Bill's second reading, which was threatened with defeat by an alliance of Conservative backbench and Opposition critics.

But Mr Hurd warned the House last night that if the Bill failed, either at its second reading or in committee, he could foresee a spate of arbitrary prosecutions under the present law from which traders and the public alike would suffer.

The Home Secretary said that there were four possible compromises that could be considered by the Bill's committee: local authority discretion; a restriction on the hours of Sunday trading; an extension of the items that could be sold legally on Sundays; or a limitation on the size of establishments that could legally trade.

He said that the Government had not yet been persuaded that any compromise was better than complete deregulation.

Madrid and Athens say 'no'

Spain and Greece yesterday issued statements that they would not allow American bases in their countries to be used to mount attacks on Libya (Rodney Cowton writes).

It emerged that after seeing Mrs Margaret Thatcher at 10 Downing Street on Saturday to seek her support for possible military action against Libya, General Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy, secretly flew on to Spain, where he had talks with Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, but clearly

Farmers' revolt likely

The Conservative Party could face a farmers' revolt in the two rural constituencies by-elections on May 8.

Writes for the contests in West Derbyshire and the Yorkshire seat of Ryedale are expected to be moved in the Commons today or tomorrow.

Tory Party chiefs are confident about holding both seats. However, in Ryedale particularly, anger over the Government's agricultural policies and the EEC restrictions on production could harm the Tory position and benefit the Liberal-SDP Alliance.

As a member of Equity's 67-strong council he will be able to speak at today's meeting but he would not speculate on the outcome of the council vote or what would happen if the council failed to endorse the referendum decision.

NUT is excluded from talks on new contract

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, was excluded from important talks on pay and a new contract last night because it could not give the necessary undertaking to the local authority employers.

The employers wanted it to call off the industrial action continuing in the schools and to accept the recent Acas pay settlement if it was to be allowed to take part in the talks. The union refused.

Mr Fred Jarvis, the NUT general secretary, said that would create an "explosive" situation in the schools. The decision to exclude the union was taken by the independent panel of three appointed by Acas and chaired by Sir John Wood after the employers said they would no longer negotiate with the NUT.

Mr Jarvis said he deplored that the five smaller teaching unions, had not been prepared to make a stand.

Equity is urged to drop ban

By Richard Dowden

Mr Derek Bond, who resigned last week as president of Equity, the actors' union, over the referendum banning members from working in South Africa, says he intends to try to persuade the union's council not to endorse the referendum decision at its meeting today.

"It believes it is contrary to the status of the union," he said yesterday. "The union exists to maintain the rights and liberties of its members. An instruction not to go to South Africa is contrary to that rule."

He has acted in South Africa but said yesterday he would only act in front of unsegregated audiences. He was trying to organise a petition signed by actors who refuse to act before segregated audiences. He claimed that it would have far more moral impact than a ban on visiting the country.

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Prisons chief appeals to officers over issue of manpower

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A late attempt to avert industrial action by the Prison Officers' Association was made last night by Mr Chris Train, director general of the Prisons Service.

In a letter to Mr Colin Steel, chairman of the officers' association, Mr Train suggests that debate about manpower issues, a main cause of the dispute, be put to one side for the time being.

He said that there were other "matters too important to the future of the service for that future to be placed in jeopardy because of industrial action from which no one, least of all prison officers, will emerge as winners."

He hoped that Mr Steel would be able to agree to renew the attempt to resolve the service's present problems.

In a separate development, the Adam Smith Institute, the free market think-tank, called yesterday for experiments in the privatization of prisons as a long-term solution to the present dispute.

But the officers' association said that the Government was already using private enterprise methods without describing them as such. Mr Phil Hornsby, the association's assistant secretary, said: "It is totally consistent with the aims of the present Government where they are putting profit before people."

He claimed that the Government had been looking at American examples of private enterprise in prisons. "The information we have is that a lot of privatization of prisons in the United States is largely financed by British businessmen."

The argument about the use of private enterprise methods in prisons provides a new perspective to the present dispute. The Government wants better value for money, but the prison officers say it is being sought without consideration for the safety and wellbeing of staff and inmates.

The clash between these two points of view underpins the present dispute. The Government's contingency

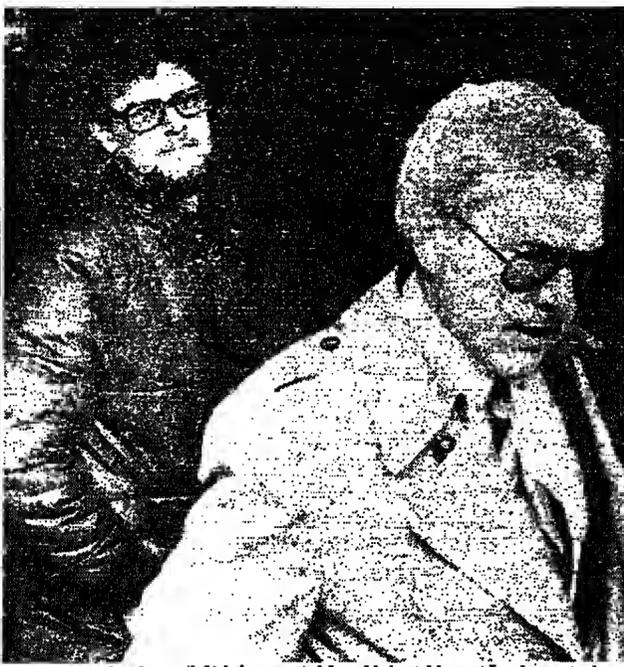
plans include the use of troops and camps.

Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the Adam Smith Institute, said that the present dispute had brought to a head the long-term problems of the prison service, but there were solutions other than those the Prisons Department was now advocating.

Mr Pirie said that the leading private prison company in the US, offered savings in the region of 12½ per cent. All the objective measures showed that the quality of prison life had improved by a privatized operation. Recidivism, complaints, attempted suicides, attacks on other prisoners and officers, and mental illness were all lower.

Privatization should certainly be introduced into a few test areas in Britain to assess its viability.

But Mr Hornsby said the officer's association believed that as incarcerating people was the State's final sanction, the State should not abdicate its responsibility for looking after them.



Mr Brian Gentleman (left) being escorted from his hostel in west London yesterday

Spy suspect is suspended

By Michael Horsnell

A junior Civil Servant alleged to have passed aviation secrets to Czech intelligence in London was yesterday suspended on full pay from his post at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Brian Gentleman, aged 27, a clerical assistant, who is alleged to have given material on aviation engines and developments to Colonel Miroslav Merhaut, then aviation and military attaché at the Czech Embassy, during 1983, has been questioned by Special Branch officers.

Det Chief Supt Dennis Gunn, who is leading the police inquiry, continued investigations yesterday as the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General, who would have to agree to a prosecution under the Official Secrets Act, awaited reports of the case.

Mr Gentleman, a member of the Civil and Public Services

Association, was questioned by police after claims on the Channel Four television programme, *20/20 Vision*, that he passed a stream of highly sensitive material during regular meetings with Col Merhaut.

Scottish businessman and a former branch treasurer of the Civil and Public Services Association, returned to the hostel in Notting Hill, west London, where he lives after being interviewed by police and remained there yesterday.

The bearded Mr Gentleman allegedly admitted passing information about the Europe Fighter Aircraft (EFA), Nato's next frontline warplane.

He also reportedly gave data about the Rolls-Royce RB199 engine that powers the RAF's Tornados fighters and bombers, and about civil aero-engine projects.

He was alleged to have been recruited by the Czechs in 1982, two years after joining the Civil Service. Lately he was said to have been handling classified information in a DTI section dealing with microcomputer technology.

Mr Gentleman, the son of a



Colonel Miroslav Merhaut. He then voluntarily surrendered to Special Branch officers at Scotland Yard. Mr Gentleman, the son of a

No action against Jarrett case police

The police officers who searched the home of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, the black woman whose death led to the Tottenham riot, will not be prosecuted.

The Independent Police Complaints Authority said that, after its investigation into the events of October 5 and 6, the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided not to prefer any criminal charges against the police.

It said it had also agreed with a recommendation by the Metropolitan Police that there should be no disciplinary charges against the officers.

Mrs Jarrett died after collapsing during a search of her home in Thorpe Road, Tottenham, London, after which Police Constable Keith Blakelock was hacked to death, in rioting on the Broadwater Farm estate near by.

During the inquest into the death of Mrs Jarrett, relatives claimed that she had been assaulted by one of four officers searching the house and she collapsed as a result.

After what it called its "comprehensive" investigation, the Independent Police Complaints Authority said it would be recommending to the Home Secretary that search warrants issued in En-gland and Wales should, in future, carry the time of issue as well as the date.

Mrs Jarrett, aged 49, who weighed about 18 stone and had a heart condition, was alleged by her family to have been pushed, during the search by Detective Constable Randall, and three other policemen.

But the authority said: "Det Con Randall vehemently denies the allegation that he pushed Mrs Jarrett and says that he had no physical contact with her prior to her collapse. There is no medical evidence that Mrs Jarrett was assaulted." The inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death after hearing that Mrs Jarrett died from heart failure during the search.

MP says he was bullied by police

An MP claimed yesterday that he was frog-marched by police out of Leeds city railway station after a sergeant adopted a "hully boy" approach to him.

The incident happened on Saturday evening when British Transport police were controlling gangs of rival Millwall and Leeds United supporters.

Dr Keith Hampson, aged 42, Conservative MP for Leeds North West, has made a formal protest to Mr Kenneth Ogram, chief constable of the British Transport police, about "cavalier and unjustifiably aggressive behaviour" by the officer towards bystanders.

Dr Hampson said he was told that he might receive a summons for obstruction. He said yesterday that he had broken the law. "This raises in my view the right of the travelling public to be treated with courtesy by the police and not be subjected to unjustified aggression. More importantly, there is the right of a local MP to witness an important public issue." Dr Hampson said he was sitting in a train when he heard a noise, which was the surging forward of both groups of supporters.

He then got off the train, leaving his cases on board, and stood observing the incident.

"The police did an effective job of clearing the area. Then a sergeant pushed me and told me to move along, even though I was clearly a regular passenger."

"I explained I was there as an MP and his tone got even tougher and he demanded my ticket, which I showed him."

"When I asked to see the inspector he and a constable grabbed me quite forcibly and the pair of them frog-marched me, one on each side, at a brisk trot out of the station with an unnecessary degree of force."

Football fans get damages

Michael and David Bradley, who are brothers and Chelsea football supporters who claimed they were assaulted and falsely imprisoned by police, yesterday accepted £5,500 in settlement of their High Court damages action.

Michael, aged 24, of Chichester Rd, North Bersted, and David, aged 32, of The Parade, both Bognor Regis, were travelling on the Underground from a match September 1981 when a disturbance led to an incident in which they claimed they were struck with truncheons.

Jobless scheme in fraud inquiry call

By David Walker

Social Policy Correspondent The Community Programme - the centrepiece of the Government's special measures to reduce long-term unemployment - has come in for strong criticism in a scrutiny carried out under the supervision of the Efficiency Unit, a small group of Civil Servants and businessmen which has direct access to the Prime Minister.

A report published yesterday recommended an urgent inquiry into possible large-scale fraud involving people on the Community Programme being paid a wage while claiming unemployment benefit. The programme should also do more to train people rather than just finding make-work, it said.

The Government was urged to make more work available for the unemployed in the National Health Service, the nationalized industries and in

regenerating the inner cities. Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, accepted the criticisms. The problems identified by the scrutiny were due to "the strain which the rapid expansion of the Community Programme has put on the management and the quality of the programme. It points to the difficulties of going too far too fast," he said.

The scrutiny of value for money was masterminded by the Efficiency Unit, which is located in the Cabinet Office, but the actual study was carried out by Civil Servants in the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission.

The scrutineers said there was an urgent need for local JobCentres, which run the Community Programme, to tell unemployment benefit offices about the men and women on their books. That was needed as a way to eliminate fraudulent claims.

One survey found that at least 7 per cent of people on the Community Programme could be prosecuted for fraud: in other cases too much unemployment benefit had been paid.

Anti-hunt protest is foiled

An anti-hunt demonstration outside Gloucester Cathedral, where the Queen was attending a memorial service for the Duke of Beaufort, was foiled yesterday by bystanders.

They prevented a small group of demonstrators from displaying a banner as the Queen and other members of the Royal Family left the cathedral.

The police moved in and arrested four people, who were later released without charge. Two other men were being held in connection with separate incidents.

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Anne, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent appeared unaware of the incident as their motorcade swept past.

There was strong police security, involving 1,000 officers, for the tribute to the Duke, who founded the Badminton Horse Trials and was Master of the Horse for 42 years until his death in February, 1984, aged 83.

During the service the Queen unveiled a memorial plaque to the Duke.

Left in bitter fight for union control

By a Staff Reporter

A bitter struggle by rival left-wing factions to wrest control from the moderates of the Civil and Public Services Association, the largest and most politically volatile of the Civil Service unions, began yesterday.

It comes after the resignation of Mr Alistair Graham, aged 43, general secretary of the 180,000-member union,

who will become director of the Industrial Society in July, and the retirement from the presidency of Miss Kate Losinska, the veteran moderate.

Militant Tendency is fielding Mr Kevin Roddy, organiser for the social security section of the CPSA, as its candidate for president, and Mr John Macrae, a full-time officer, for general secretary.

Mr Geoffrey Lewtas, candidate for the non-Trotskyist left Broad Left 84 group, for the post of general secretary, opened hostilities as elections for the currently moderate-controlled 29-strong national executive began yesterday.

Mr Lewtas, aged 37, a CPSA assistant secretary, condemned Militant Tendency as a purely destructive force, and said its policy of insisting that the introduction of new tech-

nology must not lead to any job losses was unattainable.

Instead Broad Left 84 would concentrate on safeguards on pay, conditions, health and safety issues. The group's candidate for the presidency is Mr Ray Alderson.

Mr John Ellis, deputy general secretary, will stand for the moderates as general secretary.

Black officers in 'join police' drive

Black police officers, who face taunts of "traitor" and "Uncle Tom", yesterday appealed for more recruits from ethnic minorities to help to patrol areas torn by race riots.

Woman Police Constable Hazel Baptiste, aged 24, from Tottenham, north London, scene of last October's Broadwater Farm riots, said: "I live and work in Tottenham. I have patrolled the Broadwater Farm estate and I do get problems from the black community."

"You get called 'traitor' and things like that, but you also get problems from white people."

The 27,000-member Metropolitan Police force has only 288, about 1 per cent, black and ethnic minority officers.

Yesterday, in conjunction with the Haringey Community Relations Council, Scotland Yard launched a police recruiting drive aimed at attracting more black people to join.

Supt Dick Stacey, police community liaison officer, said: "Haringey is a multi-racial community and we must have a multi-racial police force."

PC Stewart Isaacs, aged 23, from Hornsey, north London, said: "Racial abuse is nothing new. You get called 'Uncle Tom' all through school."

PC Colin Parson, aged 26,

also from Hornsey, said: "You grow up with the problem of name-calling, so it should not be a reason for turning down a police career."

Sergeant Chris Snell, aged 28, from Wood Green, said: "I have never encountered any problems of dissent among white police officers. I have had no problems like that from my officers."

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Call to prosecute kidnap advisers

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Attorney General is to be asked if he will prosecute Control Risks Ltd, a London-based firm of kidnap consultants, for allegedly breaching prevention of terrorism legislation.

The company, which has sent a representative to Dublin after the kidnapping of Mrs Jennifer Guinness, was also acting as a consultant to an international supermarket chain which allegedly paid protection money to the IRA two years ago. The Irish police have warned the company not to become involved in attempts to negotiate with the kidnapers of Mrs Guinness.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Worthington, yesterday tabled Commons questions to Sir Michael Havers over the role of Control Risks in plans to give money to a terrorist organization. He also wants to know if Cassidy Davies, a firm specializing in kidnap insurance, will be prosecuted.

He said: "The Irish government is desperately trying to prevent the payment of these moneys. They know that every penny is spent by the IRA on purchasing arms and ammunition."

He has asked the Attorney

General if he would prosecute Control Risks "for soliciting and inviting other persons in discussions in the UK to give money to an organization involved in terrorism, contrary to section 10 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984."

Mr Campbell-Savours also asked if the Attorney General would prosecute Control Risks and Cassidy Davies "for conspiring during discussions, held in London to contravene sections 10 and 11 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984."

Control Risks yesterday maintained a silence on their role in the search for Mrs Guinness but observers believe they are either advising the family or monitoring the situation for insurance underwriters.

If a ransom were to be paid the firm might be involved in organizing the negotiations.

In the company's publicity handout Control Risks describes itself as a specialist in five types of security operation which include risk evaluation, emergency planning, problem responses and investigation.

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Sale room Art nouveau Mackintosh cabinet fails to sell

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

There are times when profits just refuse to materialize, even when the goods are right. The Charles Rennie Mackintosh cabinet which failed to find a buyer in Sotheby's sale in Monaco on Monday is a case in point. It was brought in at Ffr 1.6 million or £145,000.

It turned up in a Phillips sale at Edinburgh in 1984 when it quadrupled pre-sale estimates to sell for £126,500 to Michael John, a London dealer. He consigned it to Sotheby's for sale in Monaco, where the firm's big-time art nouveau and deco sales are held now.

It was catalogued for sale last year but was not given an export licence and had to be withdrawn. Now, armed with its export documentation, no

one seems to have wanted it. The cabinet was designed in 1898 for an Edinburgh engineer. It is made from dark chestnut and embellished with stained glass and embossed copper panels designed by Margaret Macdonald, Mackintosh's wife.

The overall effect is still art nouveau, as opposed to the pioneering geometric simplicity of his later work.

Otherwise, Sotheby's sale of twentieth-century decorative art brought some outstandingly high prices.

A winged vase, using contrasting tones of lacquer and patinated metal, made by Jean Dunand in about 1925, sold for Ffr 721,500 (estimate Ffr 300,000 to 400,000) or £65,591. The bulbous vase

stands 15cm high and its price sets a new auction record for the work of this master of lacquer art.

All the Demand pieces went for high prices. A low table of dark blue lacquer, ornamented with egg shell and tortoise shell, secured Ffr 266,400 (estimate Ffr 180,000 to 220,000) or £24,218.

The glass was also in strong demand with a top price of Ffr 510,600 (estimate Ffr 300,000 to 500,000) or £46,418 for a yellow Gallé vase inlaid with flowers. The sale totalled £978,596 with 24 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's American sale of modestly-priced Old Master drawings attracted a big turn out of private collectors and dealers in London yesterday,

all in search of bargains. A faded and oxidized drawing by Tintoretto, earlier he made after Michelangelo's "Samson Slaying the Philistines", sold for £5,830.

Two charged

A Stockport couple appeared before magistrates in Southport yesterday charged with burglary and theft of £250,000 in jewellery from the Prince of Wales Hotel during a dinner on the eve of the Grand National.

Jeffery Ernest Taylor, aged 53, and Rita Marie, aged 48, his wife, both of Compstall Road, Romiley, Stockport, were remanded in custody until Friday.

Joel is late

Traditional teaching methods 'prove best for primary schools'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The best primary schools are those that adopt fairly traditional teaching styles, according to a four-year survey which followed 2,000 children through their schooling in inner London.

The study, which carries some unexpected conclusions for the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority, shows that children do best in primary schools where the school day is structured, where only one subject is taught in the classroom at a time, and where the teacher stands up and teaches the whole class for at least some of the school day.

These conclusions, which challenge much of modern primary school wisdom, were welcomed yesterday by Mrs Frances Morrell, the Ilea's leader. She said that the study, by the Ilea's research branch into 50 primary schools, should cause London's head teachers and inspectors to examine their schools.

Mrs Morrell said that she had been saying for years that

progressive education needed a cutting edge. The survey, which lists 12 factors making a good school, would be used as an "educational slide rule", she said.

One of the 12 factors is that pupils' work should be organized by the teacher, who ensures that there is always plenty for them to do. Good effects are also noted when pupils are not given unlimited responsibility for planning their own programme of work or for choosing work activities.

The time teachers spend communicating with the whole class, as opposed to with individual children, is also considered important. Most teachers devote their attention to talking to individuals, which means they have limited contact. But when they address the whole class they maximize contact, and are able to ask all children challenging questions.

This finding conflicts with a commonly held view that

children do better with a lot of individual attention.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, sought to reassure teachers about his proposals for appraising teachers' performances.

He wanted a system that would test a teacher's skill in "conveying interest and understanding", would include head teachers, and would not be linked directly to pay, he told a conference organized by the Industrial Society in London.

Speaking about his education Bill, he said he did not want to impose appraisal by law, although the Bill contains an enabling power.

Sir Keith said that a system of teacher appraisal would lead to better-run schools and improved promotion procedures for teachers.

Sir Keith said his arrangements would enable better planning of teacher training, improved deployment of staff, better career promotion procedures and better-run schools.

Shoppers switch to healthier food

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Supermarket shoppers are switching to healthier foods and taking more interest in nutritional labels on packaging, but many are still confused by advice about their diet.

Most shoppers are aware of the links between fatty foods and heart disease, many are grilling food instead of frying, and the majority are trying to reduce their intake of sugar and salt, a study has found.

Researchers from Bradford University investigated the effects of a "healthy eating" programme introduced at Tesco supermarkets last year to give customers more information about diet, health and the nutritional content of foods.

Their report, published today, found that all customers questioned at two branches of the supermarket chain had recently changed at least one aspect of their diet. The trend

was away from red meat, foods with a high content of animal fats, confectionery and biscuits, and towards fish, white meat, fruit, vegetables and wholemeal bread.

Increased awareness of the link between some foods and the risk of illness was directly attributed to television and radio programmes and newspaper and magazine articles in recent months, the researchers found.

But such risks were not fully understood by some shoppers, who were confused about dietary advice on cholesterol, vegetable margarines and oils.

The study was carried out by Food Policy Research, an independent research group based at the School of Biomedical Sciences at the university.

The Impact of a Supermarket Nutrition Information Programme, available from Bradford University, £15.

Appeal to Thatcher on women

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Prime Minister has come under attack for not putting other women into positions of power.

A survey carried out by Miss Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, shows that only 15 per cent of ministerial appointments to advisory bodies went to women. A total of 743 men and 49 women had been chosen to be heads or deputy heads of these bodies.

Miss Harman is urging Mrs Thatcher to impress on her ministers the need to listen to women.

"Women make up more than half the population, yet Mrs Thatcher clearly thinks women do not have much to offer," she said. "The Government is missing out on a wealth of experience, talent and advice. It should look again at its selection procedures for these 'public' bodies."

She said that there were few women on bodies such as the standing conference on crime prevention, the advisory panel on the importation of sexually explicit films for health purposes and the advisory committee on advertising.

Schools to 'adopt' scientists

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Britain's youngsters are to be encouraged to become more interested in science and technology by adopting their own expert. Schools are to make their choice from a register, now being compiled, of top scientists and technologists.

Lasers, computers and other scientific equipment no longer required by industry are to be given to the schools also to help with studies.

The campaign is the inspiration of the British Science & Technology Trust, which was set up in London last January to promote interest in science.

The adopted experts will visit the schools several times a year to talk to staff and pupils about their work, and channel their redundant scientific equipment in the direction of schools.

More than a dozen top British companies, among them British Aerospace, General Electric and Rolls-Royce, are taking part.

All the companies have expressed concern that not enough youngsters are being encouraged to take an interest in science and technology.

Nurses stole presents

Two male nurses who stole Christmas presents from the lockers of patients at Moss Side Hospital, Maghull, Merseyside, were each jailed for three months yesterday at Liverpool Crown Court.

Joseph Kelly, aged 30, of Maghull, and Graham Rawlings, aged 26, of Burscough, Lancashire, admitted stealing property in-

cluding tobacco and chocolates by using patients' keys.

The court was told that the men, who had a total of 13 years service at the hospital, lost their jobs after the thefts, which they committed in November last year.

Judge Wickham said the men committed an utterly contemptible crime.

Commercial court study welcomed

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Plans by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, to ease the load of the commercial court in London were welcomed by lawyers yesterday.

This was in spite of the fact that they had recently produced their own report to cut delays and costs in commercial litigation.

There was some concern that another study was to be undertaken so soon after that by the commercial practitioners themselves.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the management consultants, Coopers and Lybrand Associates, to look at ways in which commercial litigation could be improved as

part of its review of the main areas of civil business in the courts.

Management consultants have also been appointed to look at personal injuries, small claims, debt and housing.

In the sphere of commercial litigation, the consultants will look in particular at the work of the commercial court, where current cases expected to last four weeks or more were not being given hearing dates before 1988.

The Lord Chancellor's Department says there is room to simplify proceedings and thus reduce delay and cost.

One member of the working group of lawyers who produced a detailed report on the com-

mercial court in January, said yesterday that their proposals had the support, in general, of the profession and he hoped the management consultants would include them.

But there was some concern, he added, that the consultants had been appointed in the wake of the considerable work of the committee.

The lawyers' committee said strongly in its report that there needed to be more commercial judges. But if that was ruled out by financial constraints, then there needed to be radical reforms of procedure, including significant cuts in speeches by counsel in court and in the quantity of documentary evidence.



Mr Geoff Koffman, a consultant transplant surgeon, with James Morahan, aged three, from Dublin, who had a kidney transplant 10 days ago (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Doctors appeal for kidneys

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors appealed yesterday for more help in the treatment of children suffering from kidney failure and for more donors for transplant operations.

Almost 100,000 children now at school have had infections which could lead to serious kidney conditions later in life. But earlier detection could save similar youngsters from such risks, specialists said.

The waiting list for kidney transplants now includes 3,600 people but only 1,491 operations were performed last year, Mr Geoff Koffman, a consultant surgeon at Guy's Hospital in London, said.

The Department of Health

could introduce laws which would help save the lives of hundreds of kidney patients, he and his colleagues said.

One reason for the acute shortage of kidneys was doctors' reluctance to approach grieving relatives for permission to use organs.

But the British Transplant Society had "overwhelmingly" approved the suggestion that the department should follow the American example where, whenever a potential donor died, there was a legal requirement to approach the next of kin.

Dr George Haycock, a consultant in children's kidney diseases, said that surveys showed 85 per cent of people

were willing to donate organs.

The problem was that doctors who had fought to save someone's life were often reluctant to approach the relatives to ask permission to use the organs after death.

A report published yesterday by the National Kidney Research Fund said about 90,000 girls and 9,000 boys now at school had had urinary-tract infection (UTI), which could lead to kidney failure later in life.

"Early diagnosis should prevent further damage to the kidneys. The way to achieve this is to try to ensure that every child who gets UTI is properly investigated," the report said.

Sex killer in attacks after his release

A psychopathic sex killer carried out two frightening and violent attacks on young women, just six months after doctors decided to release him from a top-security mental hospital, a court was told yesterday.

The release of James Kay, aged 40, who had spent 14 years in Broadmoor and Park Lane hospitals for raping and killing a girl aged 12 had been a "tragic mistake", his defence counsel, Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC, told Lancaster Crown Court, where Kay pleaded guilty to the two assaults.

Kay, who changed his name from Lang shortly after his release in April last year, was given a total of six years' imprisonment, after Judge Douglas Brown, QC, was told he was the subject of a licence which meant he could be recalled to hospital at any time.

The attacks, on a girl aged 16 and a woman aged 21 in Halsall and Southport on Merseyside, were carried out on consecutive days in October.

Two further charges against Kay, unemployed, of Avondale Road, Southport, that he attempted to choke, suffocate or strangle the two victims with the intent to indecently assault them, were allowed to lie on the file.

Mr Turner-Samuels said that Kay, who sobbed quietly in the dock had been subject to a life committal order under the Mental Health Act of 1959.

The court was told that Kay had a long history of convictions for offences, including an indecent assault on a girl aged 13, unlawful intercourse with a girl under 15, and a rape conviction.

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Player struck soccer referee

A player who attacked a referee during a football match was given a three-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, by magistrates at Birkenhead.

Phillip Kearney, aged 22, of Tamworth Way, Birkenhead, Merseyside, admitted assaulting Mr John McIvroy, a Chelsea Football Association referee, who had to receive hospital treatment after being struck in the face.

Widow gets £95,000

A woman whose husband was killed by a hospital blunder during an operation to cure double vision was awarded £95,000 damages in the High Court yesterday against the Central Birmingham Regional Health Authority, which admitted liability.

Airline tempts business with free rail travel

By Michael Bailly, Transport Editor

Free first class rail travel from anywhere in Britain is being offered by British Caledonian in a fresh drive to tempt business travellers from Heathrow to Gatwick.

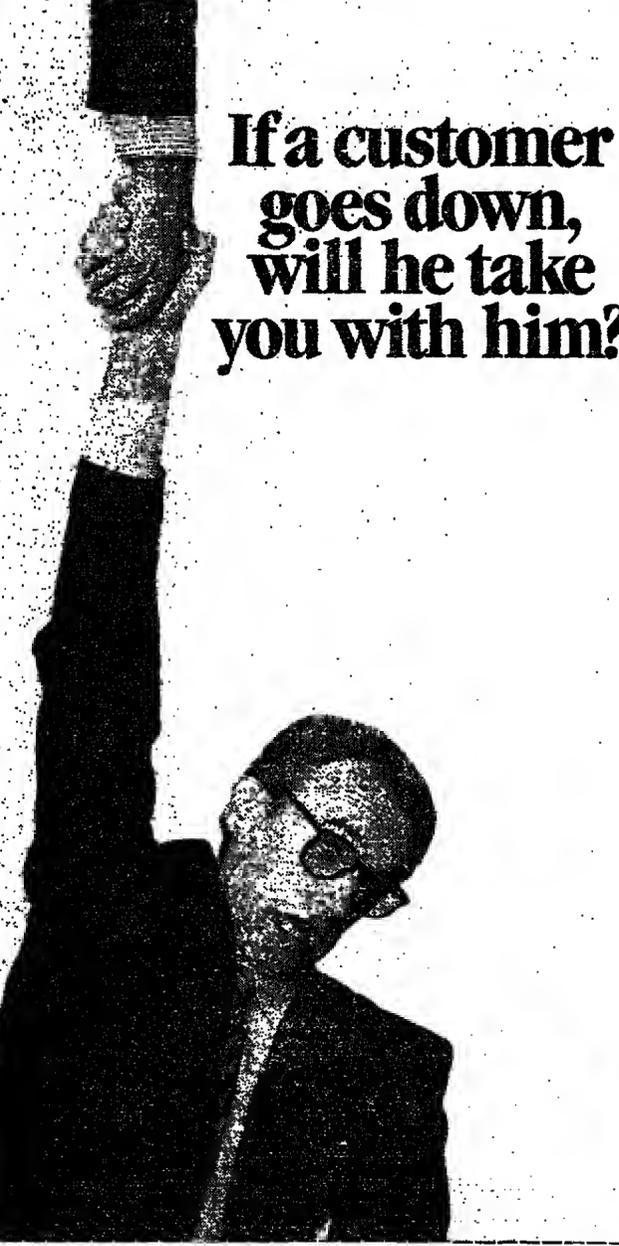
The offer applies to all B-Cal first, or executive class, long-haul flights from May 1 and conveys passengers free to Gatwick before the flight, and back home again on return from overseas. Alternatively, passengers have a choice of free car rental to Gatwick

from anywhere in the United Kingdom, a free night at one of Gatwick's hotels, or five days' free parking at Gatwick airport.

The offer is expected to bring a further shift to Gatwick of business traffic, which at present stands 70/30

in favour of Heathrow, and to produce a 10 per cent boost in B-Cal's own business traffic, Mr Alan Deller, B-Cal commercial director, said yesterday.

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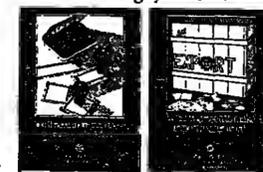
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Police may seek help of psychologists as stress cases mount

A police force may call in psychologists to help an increasing number of its officers who are falling victim to stress-related illness.

The force involved is Derbyshire, where a report is to go before its police committee today disclosing an alarming rise in days lost through sickness.

In the past five years the number of days lost because of illness and injury in the force of 1,789 men has risen from 16,000 to more than 28,000, the equivalent of 78 men being absent each day of the year.

Police Federation officials say that stress is an increasing factor behind illness, and the problem is not only confined to Derbyshire but is causing growing concern in police forces throughout the country.

The Metropolitan Police has established a working party to examine how stress is affecting its 27,000 officers and how best it can be alleviated. A committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers under Mr Brian Johnson, the Lancashire chief constable, is also examining the issue.

Although other forces yesterday could not produce as

detailed statistics as Derbyshire, a Police Federation spokesman said it was a common problem and called for the creation of an occupational health service within the police.

The figures for Derbyshire disclose that in 1981 8.9 man-days were lost for each officer through sickness or injury. In 1984 it was 12.8 and in 1985 it had reached 15.8.

The biggest rise was in days lost through injury, which went up by more than 150 per cent. Those lost due to illness also shot up by more than 60 per cent.

It is not just increased tensions of dealing with violence such as the miners' strike or inner city riots that has led to the situation. Constable Geoffrey Towle, secretary of the Derbyshire Police Federation, said the increasing pressure of long hours and coping with the demands of new legislation were also having their effect.

The lost days were costing Derbyshire about £850,000 a year.

The Police Federation believes that there must be more new officers recruited to alleviate the workload as one step towards reducing stress.

Thousands of North Sea oil workers may suffer serious mental difficulties which are aggravated by their job conditions and make them more accident prone, according to a study by Mrs Valerie Sutherland, a postgraduate researcher, and Professor Cary Cooper, an expert on occupational stress (Our Science Correspondent writes).

The researchers, who questioned men on more than 30 oil platforms, found an "unacceptably high proportion" with obsessions and anxieties comparable to psychiatric out-patients. The researchers also concluded that industry employers use "primitive" methods of selecting workers for jobs on the platforms.

Many of the men complained of job dissatisfaction, lack of privacy, feelings of isolation and difficulties with relaxing with their families when they returned to shore after up to 21 days on the platforms.

Man and Accidents Offshore is to be published by *Lloyd's List and Dietmann (International) NV*, on May 1 (Sheepen Place, Colchester, Essex CO3 3LP; £45).



Miss Elizabeth Meares, a model, who is 32 weeks pregnant, recording her baby's heartbeat and (top right) sending the information by telephone to the hospital computer where it is received by Dr Andrew Dawson (Photographs: Chris Harris).

Pregnant mothers scan baby at home

By Paul Valley

A monitoring device designed to reduce the time spent in hospital by pregnant women whose babies are considered at risk was put on display at the British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology yesterday.

The new British system, the Huntleigh Domiciliary Foetal Monitor (DFM), allows women to have comprehensive foetal scans at home and then have the information transmitted down a telephone line to a hospital computer.

In tests with 300 pregnant women at the University of Wales Hospital the device showed problems in two pregnancies that led to timely intervention by caesarean section.

Its manufacturers claim that the monitor will save the National Health Service thousands of pounds by freeing hospital beds otherwise occupied by mothers under observation.

Women who will benefit from the system will include those at risk through raised blood pressure, problems with a previous pregnancy, reduced movements or a poorly grown foetus. Home visits could be made by midwives carrying the monitor. If the scan shows any complications the women can be summoned immediately to hospital.

'Minders' protect young offenders

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Young offenders are more likely to avoid reconvictions if their movements are tracked in the community than if they are sentenced to custody, it is the preliminary finding of a survey at Leeds, where trackers include former police officers, retired executives and a former barmaid.

They are paid to keep a watch on offenders who may include those convicted of robbery, burglary or violence. If an offender breaks planned contact without good reason retribution can be swift. He or she is brought back before the court, which may take a severe view of breaches. For an adult that could be custody or for a juvenile a care order.

There are about a dozen tracking schemes in Britain, according to Dr Henri Gilleg, a consultant monitoring juvenile justice schemes.

Tracking originated in America and is attracting growing interest in Britain. It costs £110 a week to track an offender compared with at least double that to hold a youth in custody in the north of England.

A youth in Leeds who had previously been to a detention centre said of his custody: "It gets you fit. You learn how to break into cars. This scheme makes you stop and think."

Another who had served time in a detention centre said: "It teaches you how to bungle houses and which houses." But they say that the close eye kept on them by trackers does not give them much chance to get into trouble.

Threat to Greenham campers

Legal experts are planning new court action to drive the Greenham peace protesters off the common.

The plan involves taking out injunctions against 23 women who have registered the camp as their permanent address on the local register of electors.

Under a land swap deal worked out by the Ministry of Defence and Newbury District Council, the ministry will push out its permanent fence to take in the common site which was set up outside the cruise missile base on Greenham Common in Berkshire, in September 1981. It will also take control of other common land around the nine-mile perimeter.

The council will be given an area of land on the common to be used by the public.

Banning the women has proved impossible up to now, but would be made easier if the land where they are camped was in the control of one single "landlord".

Teacher molested pupils

Ceryl Wyn Davies, aged 47, headmaster of Tanygrisiu school, Blaenau Ffestiniog, North Wales, indecently assaulted young girls in his care as he marked their work, Mold Crown Court was told yesterday.

The court was told that Davies had been jailed for nine months for indecently assaulting schoolgirls when he was a teacher in the 1960s.

Davies, father of two children, pleaded guilty to three charges of indecently assaulting girls under the age of 13 at his school.

Mr Anthony Evans QC, for the prosecution, said that none could but remember the awe and respect in which a headmaster was held by young children. "It may well be that it was as a result of that and his position as headmaster that these matters did not come to light until they did," Davies will be sentenced today.

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The Libya crisis: Europe hesitates • Gadaffi's news blackout • UK stance

EEC caution upsets US

From Richard Owen The Hague Mr Vernon Walters and Mr John Whitehead are footsore and, on the whole disappointed, men. Neither they nor President Reagan can draw much comfort from yesterday's European statement on terrorism.

Gadaffi regime, abhor and condemn terrorism and wish to take firm measures against it, but that launching military strikes against Tripoli would be "emotional and liable to lead to further terrorist acts in Western Europe", as one official put it.

from France, Italy and West Germany, and Britain alone advocated firmer action. The European approach is cautious, with ministers looking for hard proof of Colonel Gadaffi's involvement in terrorist acts.

substantial business with Libya. EEC diplomats said that yesterday's meeting in The Hague still left a transatlantic gulf over how to deal with terrorism. Washington had got "as much as it could realistically expect" including a growing European belief behind the scenes that American anger and desire for military revenge is understandable and perhaps even justifiable.

Reagan envoy consults Mitterrand

Paris - General Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy, discussed the Libyan crisis with President Mitterrand yesterday, before flying to Rome on the next leg of his mission to European leaders.

strong reservations about the latest US threats toward Libya, deeming them to be potentially counter-productive. It is also anxious not to harm its relations with Libya at a time when it is hoping to secure Colonel Gadaffi's co-operation in ending the civil war in Chad.

Mr Walters, the American representative at the United Nations, has just trodden the same weary route, conveying the same message over the past few days in London, Paris, Bonn and Rome. The European response at yesterday's meeting of EEC foreign ministers tended to be that Europeans dislike the

against Libya, as Washington had hoped there would be. In the three months since EEC foreign ministers last discussed the issue, opinion has swung in favour of naming Libya as a country which promotes terrorism and to which arms must not be exported. But yesterday there was resistance even to this

alternatives to military action. A new EEC report on anti-terrorism is being hurried up. West Germany is anxious to avoid further attacks on American servicemen stationed on its territory. Yesterday the Mediterranean EEC nations - Italy, Spain and Greece - underlined their anxieties. Most Europeans do

Tripoli censors foreign TV reports on kidnapping of Italian bishop

The Libyans are ruthlessly censoring all foreign television news reports from Tripoli, cutting out every reference to the armed kidnap of the Italian bishop in Benghazi.

ship committee told him bluntly: "This is not true." Similar treatment was meted out to Ms. Kate Adie, the BBC TV representative in Tripoli, when she attempted to send the same information on video tape by satellite on

pearance "has not been carried officially on the Libyan news media", and that by implication, it therefore could not have happened. American television networks have met an identical response, not only about the Bishop, but even with comparatively mild reports on daily life in Tripoli.

A 10-man Libyan "popular committee" including the local representative of Eurovision - now views every video cassette which the American and European television networks wish to transmit by satellite from the country.



Several television crews have found it impossible even to maintain serious conversation with the censors. Ms Adie found that the Libyans even refused to send her report on Colonel Gadaffi's threat to put foreign workers into Libyan military bases until she could prove that the colonel had actually been quoted as saying as much by the official news agency, Jana.

Yesterday, they refused to transmit an entire British Independent Television News report on Monsignor Giovanni Martinelli, the abducted bishop, allowing the company to send only footage of a pro-Gadaffi demonstration staged by the authorities.

Mr Martinelli's abduction not reported in Libya

Harsher censorship was instituted here three weeks ago when, for the first time, Libya authorities demanded a formal viewing of each foreign television report in a separate room away from the satellite transmission area.

When Mr Brent Sadler, the ITN reporter to Tripoli, went to the satellite station here to send his film on the Bishop, the chairman of the censor-

Minister blamed for wine chaos

Signor Costantino Degan, the Italian Minister of Health, has been accused of incompetence in his handling of the poisoned wine scandal that has so far brought 20 deaths and eight arrests. Signor Giuseppe Piccinini, a leader of the trade union confederation, has called for the replacement of ministers who were "irresponsible and incompetent as in the case of Degan". He said that the ministers' actions had been "contradictory, uncertain and inefficient".

Israeli Cabinet crisis solved Peres cobbles together a deal but at some cost to his credibility

"If one were to take this Government and throw it down from the top of the Eiffel Tower it would get up and walk away," said one of Israel's Cabinet ministers. He was reflecting on the somewhat bizarre switch of portfolios which late on Sunday night averted the demise of the Government of National Unity. The reshuffle, approved by the Cabinet at a five-minute meeting on Sunday night, moves the controversial Finance Minister, Mr Yitzhak Modai, to the Justice Ministry. His place at the Treasury is to be taken by the Justice Minister, Mr Moshe Nissim.

leadership, Mr Sharon. In the end, liberals had the satisfaction of retaining the Treasury, although Mr Nissim and Mr Levy could claim that the finance portfolio has been prevented from going to Mr Peres next October. But once the dust had settled, the ordinary Israeli citizen could hardly be blamed if he felt that he had been ill used by his leaders this past week. True, Mr Peres had struck a blow for his own personal credibility as well as for the principle of collective responsibility in his Government. He had also displayed undoubted political adroitness in neatly showing up the Likud throughout the crisis as leaderless and internally-riven. But at what cost? From tomorrow, when the Knesset is expected to approve the reshuffle, Israel will have as its Finance Minister a competent jurist who professes to know little about economics. And it will have as Justice Minister a man, who although he does have some legal training, has proved himself to be Israel's ablest Finance Minister in almost a decade.

Stockman scorns 'Reagan revolution'

The so-called "Reagan revolution" was hopeless from the start, with no anchor to reality, according to Mr

David Stockman, the President's former budget chief. In a sharp critique of the economic strategy in which he played a key part, he describes Mr Reagan as an amiable and decent man with little grasp of what was going on; a man who shrank from hard decisions. He portrayed the President as being surrounded by incompetent courtiers, "yes" men with scant understanding of policy.

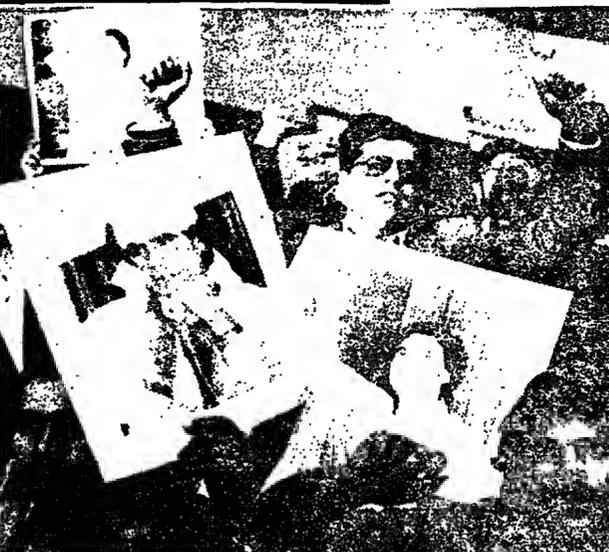
Mr David Stockman: attack on the Reagan "yes" men.

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The White House yesterday maintained silence over the publication of the first extract from Mr Stockman's memoirs, 'The Triumph of Politics: Why the Reagan Revolution Failed'. Mr Stockman, regarded as a boy wonder when he joined the Reagan Cabinet at the age of 34, quit after four-and-a-half years, having already earned the hatred of his foes for expressing his doubts about Mr Reagan's attempts to remake American economic policy. In his book, for which he has been paid \$2.3 million (about £1.5 million), Mr Stockman repeatedly questions the President's grasp of complex matters. "His body of knowledge is primarily

government revenues. It also called for an attack on the welfare state. "The true Reagan revolution never had a chance," Mr Stockman writes. "It defied the overwhelming forces, interests and impulses of American democracy. Our Madisonian government of checks and balances, three branches, two legislative houses, and infinitely splintered power is conservative, not radical. It shuffles into the future one step at a time. "Because of the efforts of myself and my supply side compatriots, Ronald Reagan had been made to stumble into the wrong camp on the eve of his quest for the Presidency. He was a consensus politician, not an ideologist. He had no business trying to make a revolution because it wasn't in his bones. Mr Stockman said the revolution would have meant the end of subsidies to farmers and businesses and welfare for the able-bodied poor. "Only an iron chancellor would have tried to make it stick. Reagan wasn't that by a long shot... he proved to be too kind and sentimental.



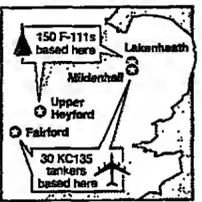
Indian and Pakistani workers chanting and waving posters in support of Libya's leader, Colonel Gadaffi, at a rally on Sunday in Tripoli, the country's capital.

Britain must approve use of bases

The US has about 30,000 uniformed servicemen in Britain, of whom probably about 25,000 are members of the Air Force. It has about 75 bases and other facilities in Britain, of which nine are main operating bases. These include the submarine base at Holy Loch, as well as airfields at Alconbury in Cambridgeshire, Bentwaters, Woodbridge, Lakenheath and Mildenhall, all in Suffolk, Fairford in Gloucestershire, Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, and Greenham Common in Berkshire, where the cruise missiles are based. These air bases remain technically Royal Air Force bases, and are officially known as, for example, RAF Greenham Common or RAF Fair-

ford. The US Air Force normally has about 350 aircraft in Britain. They include more than 100 A10s based at Bentwaters and Woodbridge, whose role is to act in support of ground forces; tanker and freight aircraft mainly at Mildenhall and Fairford; and reconnaissance and other specialist aircraft, such as the TR1 spy-plane and the EF111A electronic warfare aircraft at Alconbury. But the aircraft most relevant to any possible action against Libya would be the F111 supersonic bombers of which there are about 70 at Upper Heyford and about 80 at Lakenheath. These would need support from tanker aircraft for air-

air refuelling. There are KC135 tankers based at Fairford, and the huge KC10 tankers which are based in Louisiana, but which constantly pass through the British bases. There have been an unusually large number at Mildenhall in the last few days. But many military experts question whether the power of the F111s would really be militarily necessary for any operation against Libya. Mrs Thatcher has been unenthusiastic about allowing attacks to be mounted from British bases. Another possibility is that the RAF base at Akrotiri near Limassol in Cyprus might be used as a staging post. Akrotiri is one of the British sovereign bases in Cyprus, and its use is regulated by the Treaty of Establishment of 1960. Technically the treaty appears to give Britain a free hand on operational activities from Akrotiri, but Government sources said the Government of Cyprus was always informed before any unusual activity.



Moscow confirms end to test ban

Moscow (Reuters) - Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Armed Forces Chief of Staff, confirmed yesterday that Moscow intends to resume nuclear testing after the US explosion in the Nevada desert last week.

He told a news conference here that the Kremlin's eight-month unilateral halt to testing, which was formally ended on Friday, had caused a certain setback to Soviet military power.

But he said: "The political gains in the struggle for a halt to nuclear testing, for limiting the arms race, were greater than the purely military setback we suffered."

Bomb kills Mafia aide

New York (Reuters) - A car bomb exploded on a Brooklyn street, killing Frank DeCicco, identified by police as the top associate of reputed Mafia chief John Gotti.

Four months ago Gotti allegedly took control of the Gambino crime family after the assassination here of Paul Castellano. Another man, Frank Bellino, also allegedly linked to organized crime, was critically injured in the blast.

Seoul visit

Paris - President Mitterrand yesterday accepted an invitation to visit South Korea at the end of the first day of talks here with President Chun Doo Hwan.

Crash clue

New York (AP) - Investigators believe the Mexicana Airlines crash which killed 166 people last month was caused by an explosion in a wheel well.

Menten ban

Hoogstraten, Belgium (AP) - The convicted Dutch war criminal, Pieter Menten, will not be allowed to settle in Belgium, police here said.

Homecoming

Moscow (AP) - The concert pianist, Vladimir Horowitz, who vowed for years never to return to his homeland, came back to the Soviet Union for the first time in 61 years.

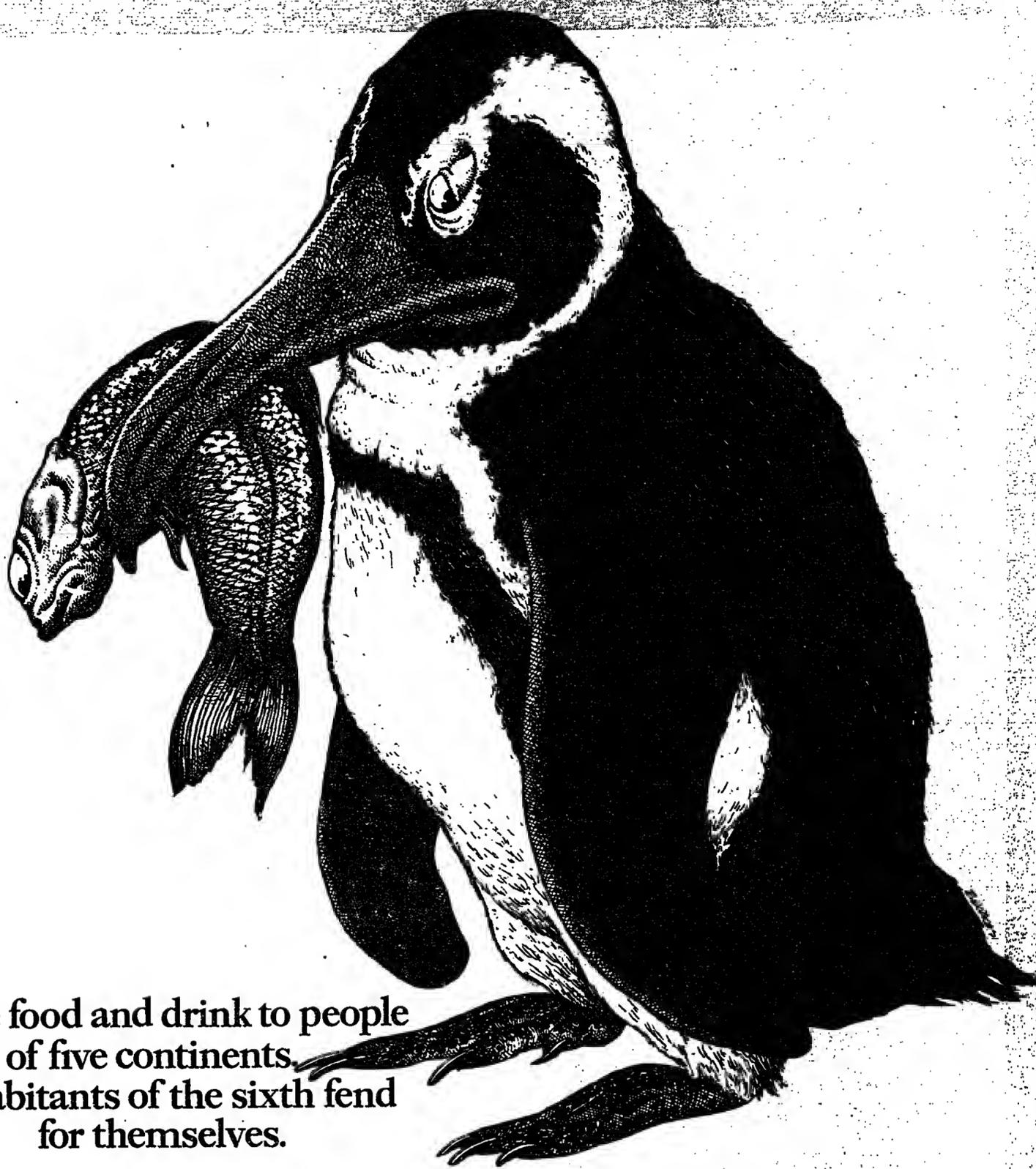
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Violence spreads through Eastern Cape

Students join protest as 14 more blacks die in clashes

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African police reported that 14 people died in the 24 hours to yesterday morning in continuing unrest which is estimated to have claimed more than 1,240 lives over the past 19 months. Meanwhile, lectures were suspended yesterday at the Medical University of South Africa near Pretoria after some 500 black students there attacked and stoned administrative buildings in protest against the presence of white students on the campus. Five of the 14 people killed, all of whom were blacks, were shot by the police, and nine were allegedly burned to death in two separate incidents in a black township near Mool-plaas, not far from East London in the Eastern Cape. They said that all the men had died when the huts in which they were living were set alight by unknown assailants. The police attributed the nine burnings to fighting between different black factions

but gave no further details. In Daveyton, a black township east of Johannesburg, a policeman fired four shots from his pistol at a group of 300 blacks who had threatened him, and killed two of them, according to the police. The police also said that a black youth was killed at Tante, the black township outside Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape. Another two men were killed when police used rifles to disperse a crowd stoning policemen's homes in the black township of Lingelihle, near Cradock. The 1,000 undergraduates at the medical university, which is reserved for blacks, have been boycotting lectures for some time in support of demands for the expulsion of two whites allowed to study there. The students argue that whites should not be admitted until all universities in the country are fully open to students of all races.

Belgian woman admits ANC link

Johannesburg (AFP) - Mrs Helene Pastoors, the Belgian-born former wife of Mr Klaas de Jonge, a Dutch citizen who has taken refuge in the Dutch Embassy, told the Supreme Court here yesterday that she worked with the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), but pleaded not guilty to charges of terrorism and treason. Mrs Pastoors, aged 44, and her former husband have been the cause of friction between South Africa and The Netherlands since being arrested by South African security police in June last year. The police allege that the couple smuggled arms into the country, travelled around seeking potential arms caches and were trying to organize escape routes for fugitive opponents of the white minority Government. Shortly after being arrested last June, Mr de Jonge, aged 47, escaped to the diplomatic protection of the Netherlands Embassy. He was immediately dragged from the building by security policemen, but was later returned. Mrs Pastoors said in court she used written coded messages to communicate from inside South Africa with the guerrilla group.



The Prince and Princess of Wales leaving a Concorde jet which took them to Vienna yesterday for a three-day visit

Prince and Princess in Vienna for festival

From Richard Bassett, Vienna. The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in Vienna yesterday for a three-day visit. After disembarking from a Concorde jet they were met at the airport by President Kirchschiager. The Prince and Princess are in Vienna as patrons of the "Britain in Vienna" festival, which has been organized by diplomats and the British Council to acquaint Austrians with the best of British music, theatre and design. Highlights of the busy programme include a gala performance of Congreve's *Love for Love* at the Vienna Burgtheater and an Elgar concert tonight performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra. The Princess of Wales will also sample Viennese music when she visits the Vienna choirboys tomorrow. Although the festival is primarily a cultural event, British businessmen have taken advantage of the high profile the royal couple are leading to it. Shop windows in Vienna have suddenly filled with after diner mints and tins of English baked beans. Security arrangements are believed to be the tightest the city has known since the Pope visited Vienna in 1983.

Svetlana reported free to leave

Moscow (Reuter, AFP) - Stasio's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, has received permission to leave the Soviet Union 17 months after she returned from the West, a Soviet journalist said yesterday. Viktor Louis, who is often used to convey official Soviet information, said her American-born daughter Olga, aged 14, will leave Moscow tomorrow for Britain, where she will resume her studies at a Quaker school. Mr Louis said the former dictator's daughter, who is 59, will leave the Soviet Union later after a final visit to Georgia, where she has lived with Olga since her return in November 1984. She had been given an exit visa, but Mr Louis said she had no plans to accompany her daughter on the flight to Britain. A US Embassy spokesman said consular officials were in contact with Svetlana Alliluyeva, who is a US citizen by marriage. She returned from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi last month and moved into a Moscow hotel. The American Embassy would not comment except to recall that because she is an American citizen she does not need a visa to return to the United States.

West will put pledges by Gorbachov to test

By Henry Stanhope. A recent hint by Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, that closer contacts between the peoples of East and West may be possible will be put to the test by Western countries at a conference opening today in Bern. At the Communist Party Congress in Moscow, the Soviet leader hinted at decisions that might be taken on remitting families and expediting marriages between people of different countries. The Bern conference, at which other powers are hoping for proof of a more relaxed Russian policy, is the third on personal freedom in less than a year, all stemming from the Helsinki Final Act. The Soviet delegation is expected to guide the debate towards issues such as sporting links and meetings between young people. But the West is hoping for more positive progress towards freedom for families divided by the East-West frontier, for marriages and for people to travel at will to and from the Soviet Union.

Anglicans meet to select archbishop

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Some 500 Anglican clergy and laity began meeting behind closed doors in Cape Town yesterday to elect a new Archbishop of Cape Town, the metropolitan (head) of the Church of the Province in Southern Africa, as the Anglican Church here is known. Their choice is bound to be controversial because, although the names of nominees are never announced beforehand, the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, the black Bishop of Johannesburg, is known to be one of the leading contenders to succeed the Most Rev Philip Russell, a white, who is retiring. No black has ever held the post. On April 2 Bishop Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, called on the outside world to impose punitive economic sanctions on South Africa. He

was condemned for so doing by almost all shades of white political opinion, and could arguably have exposed himself to legal prosecution for "economic sabotage". The Southern African province over which the Archbishop of Cape Town presides contains 17 dioceses, of which six are outside of South Africa, one each in Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia and St Helena, and two in Mozambique. The successful candidate must be approved by a two-thirds majority of both the clergy and lay members of the Assembly, voting separately. Church sources say a possible compromise candidate could be the Most Rev Walter Makgulu, the Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Botswana.

Jewish group unearths new Waldheim file

New York (AP) - The World Jewish Congress said yesterday it has new documents linking Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former UN Secretary-General, to wartime atrocities in Greece. "It seems now that a major criminal investigation is warranted," said Mr Elan Steinberg, executive director of the congress. "The most important thing we want to do is find out the truth and set the historic record right." The new documents were found at the US National Archives last week. On the CBS 60 Minutes television programme on Sunday, Dr Waldheim apologized for saying his wartime activity ended before the period now under scrutiny. "It wasn't done purposefully," he said. "I do apologize to my friends." In its statement yesterday, the congress said a secret wartime report signed by Dr Waldheim was used in 1947 by US prosecutors at Nuremberg as evidence of Nazi war crimes in Greece. Mr Steinberg said one document in a report dated August 11, 1944, showed that Dr Waldheim provided information about "band activities", the German expression for partisan operations.

Other documents showed that a "cleansing operation", or retaliatory action, was launched in Crete two days after Dr Waldheim had identified the location. Two villages were destroyed and 20 hostages were shot and killed. Mr Steinberg said the documents would be turned over to the US Justice Department and the Israeli and Austrian Governments. ● VIENNA: Dr Waldheim, a candidate for the Austrian presidency, yesterday sent to President Kirchschiager his comments on the UN file on his wartime military service in Yugoslavia and Greece. Dr Kirchschiager last week offered to study the file and comment publicly on the allegations that it contains proof of Dr Waldheim's direct knowledge of crimes against Jews and partisans. Because of Dr Kirchschiager's prestige, it is assumed that his pronouncement will command general acceptance. It is widely believed that if he implies, still more if he openly states, that the file incriminates Dr Waldheim, then Dr Waldheim might have to withdraw from the campaign.

Greek denies hammer killing of fellow writer

From Mario Modiano, Athens. Mr Thanasis Nasiztzik, a prominent Greek author and former president of the Greek Writers' Union, yesterday pleaded not guilty when he went on trial for the murder of Mr Thanasis Diamantopoulos, a fellow-writer and former treasurer of the same union, in September 1984. Police broke into the central Athens flat of Diamantopoulos, aged 73, and found he had been killed by 94 hammer blows to the head and body. They had been alerted by a neighbour who told the tribunal that she had heard the "victim" scream: "Thanasis, don't do it. No, Thanasis. Have mercy." Mr Nasiztzik, aged 64, told the Athens Criminal Court judges: "I deny any connection with the crime. Somebody must have done it, not I." Holding up a dark plastic briefcase, he added: "I always carry this. I could never hide in here a pair of shoes, gloves and a hammer." The defendant, a chemist by

training, who once ran a car spare business and is best known for his work on the philosophy of science, was remanded in custody a year ago after Mr Panayotis Diamantopoulos, aged 31, the murdered man's son, sued him for murder and caused the case to be reopened. The prosecution indictment, which listed circumstantial evidence against the defendant, pointed out that Mr Nasiztzik attempted suicide three days after the murder, leaving a note saying he could no longer bear the suspicion around him. It said he was arrested for tax evasion five days after the murder and was unable to substantiate his alibi. Witnesses alleged he had tried to fabricate one. Defence lawyers yesterday said Mr Nasiztzik had no motive for the killing of Diamantopoulos, who, at the time of his death, was about to publish a book called *Sex and Society*, containing graphic accounts of sex activities with a mysterious Mrs Z. The trial is continuing.

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Artukovic trial begins with catalogue of wartime crimes

From Dossa Trevisan, Zagreb

The trial of Andrija Artukovic, the wartime Croatian Minister of the Interior, accused of the mass murder of civilians and prisoners of war, began before the district court here amid massive security. The defence made an unsuccessful attempt to have him declared mentally and physically unfit to follow proceedings.

The entire street was sealed off and the audience of around 200, including journalists and officials, was thoroughly searched. A court official said this was to prevent the children of the victims taking revenge.

Flanked by two policemen, Mr Artukovic shuffled into the court, a tiny, frail, white-haired figure one could hardly imagine as the dreaded Minister of the Interior responsible for massacres of Jews and Serbs 42 years ago. He sat expressionless behind a bullet-proof glass partition.

He dozed off occasionally, and gave the impression of a man totally detached and unconcerned.

The defence, consisting of

three lawyers he himself had chosen, insisted that his condition had deteriorated, and he was incapable of following what was going on.

But a panel of five doctors, including four psychiatrists and a heart specialist who have been in charge of him since he came here in February, after being extradited from the US, said there were no signs of failing health and found him fit for trial.

Mr Artukovic is charged with inspiring villagers with racial hatred, of organizing, ordering and implementing large-scale persecution which had inflicted grievous suffering and torture on, as well as causing the deaths of, hundreds of thousands of people including women and children, and "practising genocide against the Serbs and the Jews".

Mrs Ivanka Pintar-Gajer, the district public prosecutor, said that Mr Artukovic belonged with the "greatest and most notorious war criminals mankind has condemned in trials at Nuremberg and elsewhere".



President Reagan chauffeurs the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, in a golf cart during a break in their Camp David talks. (Report, Finance and Industry, page 21)

Bardot and Deneuve to sue Roger Vadim

Paris (AFP) - Film stars Brigitte Bardot and Catherine Deneuve are each suing the film director, Roger Vadim, for 200,000 francs (about £20,000) over the French version of his autobiography which will appear this week. The English version, *Bardot, Deneuve, Fonda*, is currently being serialized in the American and British press.

M Gilles Dreyfus, their lawyer, said that M Vadim and his publisher would be sued for invasion of privacy.

Islamic chief loses in Sudanese poll

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

Dr Hassan Abdullah al-Turabi, the leader of Sudan's right-wing fundamentalists, has been defeated in the first free elections in the country for 18 years.

The National Islamic Front leader was contesting the Khartoum seat of el-Sabaifa in a poll that attracted nationwide attention. Crowds stood for hours outside the counting office to hear the results.

Dr al-Turabi, successively attorney-general, legal adviser and foreign affairs adviser to President Nimeiry, who was overthrown in last April's popular uprising, was unseated in the working-class area by Mr Hassan Shabbo, a lawyer of the Democratic Unionist Party, following an election pact between four parties, including the Communists.

Meanwhile, Mr al-Sadiq al-Mahdi, the leader of the National Umma Party, won a landslide victory in Rabak, in

White Nile province, the home of the Mahdist movement on which his party was founded.

Returns yesterday afternoon showed a convincing lead for the two traditional parties. The Umma had 28 seats and the Democratic Unionists 29. The two parties were therefore still expected to form a coalition Government.

The Islamic Front was doing slightly better than expected in the capital, having won six of its 10 seats and one in Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city across the Nile.

Two other Khartoum seats were taken by veteran Communists, including the party chief, Mr Mohamed Ibrahim Nigad.

Ms Fatma Ahmed Ibrahim, who became a national figure after defying President Nimeiry's draconian emergency laws in 1984, lost to the Islamic Front in Burri.

Liberian opposition leaders arrested

Monrovia (AFP) - More than 200 members of Liberia's opposition United People's Party, including most of its leadership, have been arrested, the independent *Suntimes* newspaper said yesterday.

It said Mr Blamo Nelson, the party's deputy national chairman; Mr Alphonso Kaway, the secretary general, and Mr Nathaniel Beh, a local branch chairman, were among those arrested on Sunday during a political rally in a Monrovia suburb.

The executive committee of the four-party opposition coalition said it viewed the arrests with grave dismay and demanded the immediate release of the detainees.

The UPP was the last political grouping to join the coalition, a shaky alliance which sought to speak with a unified voice to ensure the continued existence of multi-party democracy in the West African country.

The reported arrests came after growing social discontent, with a teachers' strike that erupted into violence last month, and increased calls by opposition politicians to hold fresh elections.

The general elections in October were won by President Doe's National Democratic Party of Liberia.

Zia rejects election demand

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

There would be no elections for the next four years, President Zia of Pakistan said yesterday.

General Zia was commenting on repeated calls for elections by Miss Benazir Bhutto, the acting chairman of

her late father's Pakistan People's Party.

"The brothers and sisters who had not taken part in the elections (in early 1985) should wait for a period of about four years," he said.

It was possible that the next elections would be held on a party basis, General Zia said. Miss Bhutto, who has been

on a tour of the Punjab since Friday, is becoming more adamant that the Government should order elections.

She is reported to have said in Gujranwala, an industrial town about 40 miles from Lahore, that her party would adopt a new line of action in case elections were not ordered.

Kremlin succumbs to video craze

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

After years of indecision, the Soviet Union has decided that by 1995 a new range of quality video equipment must be produced domestically to meet demand.

At present this is largely satisfied by a thriving black market, on which an imported video recorder can fetch £2,500, and tapes of prestige films from the West such as *The Godfather*, *Rambo* and last year's Live Aid concert, retail for about £140 apiece.

Private showings are frequently arranged, with entrance fees of £5 or more. Actors fluent in foreign languages can earn up to £50 a time for dubbing Russian commentaries over Western cassettes. These are copies made by local enthusiasts, who often borrow the master copy from Western acquaintances.

A new resolution, passed by the Central Committee and the Council of Ministers, calls for a drastic restructuring of the video industry, emphasizing that locally made cameras, recorders and tapes are not up to standard.

It represents a complete break with the 1970s, when video technology was outlawed because it was seen as a dangerous invention designed

to undermine the Kremlin's near-monopoly on information.

Western diplomats said it was another step in Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's campaign to bridge the technology gap between East and West.

It follows the establishment of 12 video saloons to counter the black market by renting out ideologically acceptable films. The most popular is near the centre of Moscow, and crowds of several hundred can be seen every weekend staring at the single screen in the window.

The shop rents out local films for 24 hours for £1.50. It explained recently that Western titles in stock were not available because they had not yet been priced.

The decision was preceded by press reports complaining that local video owners were resorting to Western films because there was no Soviet alternative.

It was foreshadowed at the Party Congress in February, when Mr Viktor Chebrikov, head of the KGB, alluded to the growing video craze and told delegates: "This, in itself a good and progressive phenomenon, is being used by some people to spread ideas alien to us."

Bulgaria:

Kostadin and Emil Kalmakov

By Caroline Moonhead

A father and son in Bulgaria, both war resisters, are currently undergoing a series of prosecutions and prison sentences, the son for refusing military service, the father for supporting him.

Emil Kostadinov Kalmakov is 24, and has so far served four-and-a-half years in the prison in Burgas, east Bulgaria, for refusing joining the Army. Released last summer, he now faces a fresh sentence as a "repeated criminal" after again refusing conscription.

His father, Kostadin Angelov Kalmakov, in his late fifties, who is thought to have been tortured, is in the political prison in Stara Zagora, in central Bulgaria, for "anti-state propaganda".

The failing of conscientious objectors to military service is still common in more than 60 countries, though no one has any idea how many young men are now in prison for this. Both



Emil and Kostadin object to conscription on religious grounds, though Emil has said he would take alternative civilian work instead of military service.

The Kalmakovs come from Karnobat, and as a family have a tradition of pacifism. In his youth, Kostadin was jailed for five years for refusing military service.

These repeated political detentions ensure that neither man can hope for decent employment when released. After refusing his military service Emil was expelled from university, where he was studying geology. Waiting to be re-arrested last autumn he worked in a factory, at the lowest level, with no hope of promotion.



Kostadin Kalmakov (left), and his son Emil, both of whom have suffered imprisonment for refusing conscription.

Sydney press angers Jakarta

A newspaper article suggesting that relatives of President Suharto of Indonesia have amassed vast fortunes through shady business deals has thrown relations between Australia and Indonesia into crisis and could lead to Australian journalists being banned by Jakarta (Tony Duboudin writes).

Friday night of a visit to Australia by Dr Yusu Habibie, Indonesia's Research and Technology Minister.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, is believed to be deeply concerned at the damage to relations caused by the article.

His office said that journalists seeking entry to cover President Reagan's scheduled meeting with Asean leaders in Bali next week can expect visa problems.

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Marcos backers defy Aquino with rebel session of parliament

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Members of the old parliament cheered when Mr Arturo Tolentino, Mr Marcos's vice-presidential running mate in the February 7 poll, denounced the Aquino government as "unconstitutional" and called for a programme of civil disobedience.

He said a "negligible majority" of people in Manila had joined the revolt which toppled the Marcos regime.

Mr Tolentino, who has refused to relinquish his claim to the vice-presidency, said the defunct assembly retained a popular mandate.

"By meeting today, we show our faith in the people who elected us. If we had been deterred by those who make fun of us or criticize us, we would have betrayed the people's trust for our personal convenience."

Commonly regarded as a "rubber stamp" parliament whose members were elected in a fraud-tainted general election in 1984, the assembly was disbanded amid general popular approval.

The rebel assembly passed resolutions to secure the tenure of 1.2 million civil servants, and members of the judiciary proposed the drafting of a new constitution, and called for local elections on June 30.

Declaring vacant all local government posts, the Aquino administration has replaced more than 100 governors and mayors, resulting in many bitter provincial squabbles between Marcos loyalists and Aquino supporters.

The San Juan clash is the latest violent incident in weeks of often-bloody street brawls in many towns and cities which frequently required riot troops to eject dismissed officials from barricaded town halls.

According to the Aquino Government, the six-year terms of the local government officials expired on March 2. But new polls have been postponed, possibly until November, while a new constitution is drawn up on orders of Mrs Aquino.

Like most of those so far replaced, Mr Joseph Estrada, the mayor of San Juan, is pro-Marcos, and although dismissed three weeks ago, he relinquished power only last Friday.

But because his followers continued to barricade his office, his replacement, Mr Reynaldo San Pascual, arrived to assume his duties with a police escort.



Face in a crowd: Nick Patos, above centre, jailed for cannabis plot. Top right, jailed magistrate Murray Farquhar. Bottom left, Sergeant Rogerson, charged with misconduct.

Barrels full of rotten apples sour police and politics

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Australians are used to hearing about rotten apples in politics and the police, but even so Assistant Commissioner Bob Shepherd raised a few eyebrows recently when he said that his own force, the New South Wales Police Department, was the most corrupt in Australia, if not in the world.

For Mr Nick Greiner, leader of the Opposition in the State Parliament, it is "no longer a case of rotten apples", while one legal researcher maintains that there is hardly an officer in the state force who at some stage has not turned a blind eye to corruption.

Not only police have been compromised in the poisoning effect that crime has had on Australia over the past decade. In the political arena, Mr Rex Jackson, a former NSW prisons minister, faces charges of taking a bribe to release prisoners, while persistent al-

all manner of international criminal organizations, from the Mob in the US, to the Italian Mafia and Chinese Triads, have proved irresistible to individuals who might otherwise have been pillars of society.

One investigation started after police spotted a notorious underworld figure with the medical director of Sydney Hospital and a magistrate.

The magistrate was Mr Murray Farquhar, who was subsequently imprisoned for attempting to pervert the course of justice. The doctor, Nick Patos, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment last month for masterminding an attempt to import \$25 million worth of cannabis resin. Ironically, they are underworld companies still at liberty.

Corruption has always been a temptation for the NSW police. Almost 180 years ago they rebelled against Governor William Bligh when he tried to suppress the illicit rum trade. Now the currency of corruption is heroin.

But the picture is not unrelievedly bleak. The Internal Security Unit (ISU), established two years ago to root out the "blue mafia", is a hard core of reliable, "clean" officers.

In addition to the ISU there is now a top echelon in the state force which even the most cynical commentators regard as honest. After generations of corrupt commissioners, the present incumbent, Mr John Avery, is said to be a man of unquestionable probity and integrity.

An influential judicial figure says: "A start is being made. Its effect is limited by the lack of support a small and courageous group of policemen are getting from the federal and New South Wales Governments. But it's a start all the same."

Internal clean-up operations have been assisted greatly by phone-tapping powers, which in one celebrated instance provided investigators with a windfall, identifying no fewer than 50 policemen constituting a network of informants and manipulators of legal proceedings for Sydney's "Mr Fixit".

In the past two weeks seven senior policemen have been charged with misconduct. They include a highly-respected detective inspector, Nelson Chad, who has acted as a bodyguard for Prince Charles and had been marked down as potential commissioner material, and Sergeant Roger Rogerson, perhaps the most feared man in the NSW police.

Sergeant Rogerson, who has twice been acquitted of criminal charges, is alleged to have had an improper relationship with a known drug dealer, Arthur Smith.

Apparently in desperation, Sergeant Rogerson went on television, claiming that the

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legations of corruption hang over the State Government.

Small wonder, then, that Australians' jokes about their criminal antecedents have a rather wry flavour these days.

The huge profits being made by local groups with links to

Stampede crushes 46 pilgrims to death

Delhi (Reuters and AP) - At least 46 pilgrims, most of them women, were crushed to death in a stampede to bathe in India's sacred Ganges.

At least 39 people were injured in the melee at the Hindu holy town of Hardwar when thousands of pilgrims rushed down the historic stone steps at Pant Dweep into the river for a ritual bath.

Hindus believe the bath, coinciding with the high point of the month-long Kumbh Mela festival, washes away their sins.

The Press Trust of India said doctors trying to save the injured at the town's main hospital had sent urgent messages to the Government for medicines and blood.

The agency said unofficial sources estimated the death toll to be much higher.

The ritual bathing was resumed after the stampede and more than three million of an estimated four million pilgrims crowding the small city had taken their holy dip by midday.

At least 500 people were killed in a stampede at Hardwar in 1954 during the festival, which draws more people than any other religious event in the world.

According to Hindu mythology, Hardwar is one of the four places on earth hallowed by contact with Kumbh, a jar of nectar churned up by the sea.

The legend says the gods stole the jar from the demons, and spilled some of the nectar at the four sites before reaching paradise in 12 days, which is equivalent to 12 Earth years.

Chinese in leaks case executed

Peking (Reuters) - A Chinese state company employee was executed yesterday for leaking state secrets to foreign businessmen and taking bribes, the official New China news agency reported.

In another case, a salesman employed by a factory in the central Chinese province of Shanxi was sentenced to death for corruption after selling \$1 million on the black market, the *Shanxi Daily* reported.

The two cases were the first death sentences in a campaign by China's ruling Communist Party to weed corrupt officials from its ranks.

In the Peking case, Zhang Changsheng, aged 31, was sentenced to death for leaking state secrets to foreign and Hong Kong businessmen and taking bribes.

In the Shanxi case, the *Shanxi Daily* said the manager and deputy manager of an electronics factory in Taiyuan city decided to sell \$1 million on the black market, and recruited a salesman, Wang Chunhua, and another man to arrange the deal.

The salesman was sentenced to death, the assistant factory manager received a ten-year jail sentence and the manager a suspended three-year sentence.

Opponent of Ershad fights on

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

Begum Khalida Zia, the leader of the Bangladesh opposition who is challenging President Ershad's right to hold parliamentary polls next month, vowed she would continue to lead a campaign of protest until General Ershad resigned.

Begum Zia, whose seven-party alliance is boycotting the May 7 election, told a rally of between 40,000 and 50,000 people in the north-eastern town of Sylhet that the elections were an international conspiracy to legalize the military government.

She accused Sheikh Hasina Wazed, whose Awami League is the largest opposition party contesting the election, of betraying the opposition movement for democracy.

Begum Zia repeated her call for the withdrawal of the four-year-old martial law, the release of political prisoners and General Ershad's resignation before the elections.

Students clash: One student died of wounds received when rival leftist militants clashed at Rajshahi University in northern Bangladesh at the weekend.



Mr Nick Greiner, strong opposition critic.

police hierarchy was trying to "fit me up" and that Smith was a police informant.

The following day, as Sergeant Rogerson was being charged, a calculated attempt was made to run Smith down near a hotel owned by a policeman dismissed from the force earlier in the year for misconduct.

Smith, too, was interviewed on television. He claimed that police and the underworld had teamed up to kill him.

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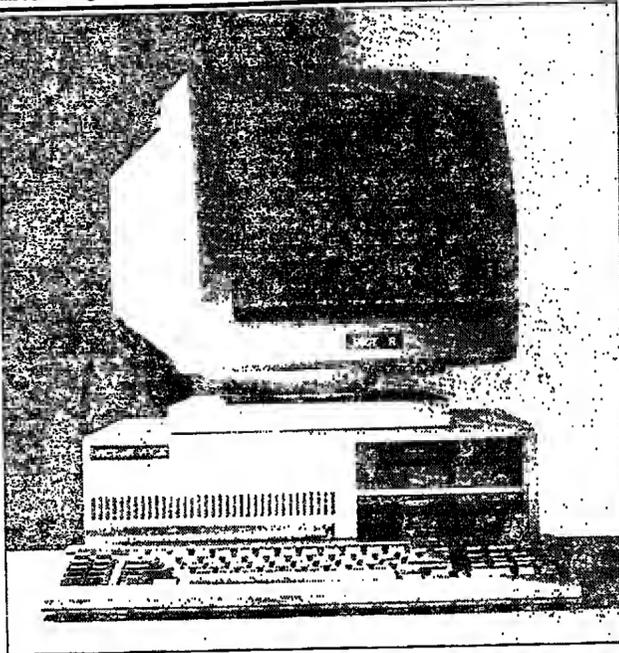
Melbourne - The jury in the second trial of Mr Justice Lionel Murphy was told yesterday that it would hear evidence about the continuing friendship between Mr Justice Murphy and Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor (Tony Duboudin writes).

The retrial of Mr Justice Murphy, the third-ranking judge of the High Court of Australia, on a charge of attempting to pervert the course of justice, opened at the Central Criminal Court, Sydney, it is alleged that he tried to influence proceedings involving Mr Ryan.

Mr Ian Callinan, QC, for the Crown, had told the court that a federal police officer would tell how Mr Justice Murphy introduced him to Mr Ryan as an old friend.

That friendship, the Crown alleges, resulted in an attempt by the judge to influence court proceedings against Mr Ryan.

Mr Justice Murphy, aged 63, pleaded not guilty.



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All the Queen's men

Sir William Heseltine has just taken over as the Queen's personal adviser. It is a pivotal, if unsung, role and more daunting than ever, writes Alan Franks

It is getting harder by the year to be the Queen's personal adviser. After 34 years of monarchy, during which there have been no fewer than eight prime ministers, she has acquired a mastery of the business of her own spokespersonship. Add to that a formidable memory for constitutional niceties and a profound interest in the relations between politics and the Crown and you have a bed of nails for the professionals whose task it is to laud her utterances for public consumption.

None the less the office of private secretary to the Queen remains a pivotal if unsung role, and in the succession of its five incumbents since the Coronation can be read the history of a mellowing and adapting monarchy.

Crudely, the five can be divided into the two categories of cautious and innovative, the former consisting of Sir Alan Lascelles, who had been private secretary to George VI for the last nine years of his reign and whom the Queen inherited for the first year of hers; Sir Michael Adeane, whose tenure ran for a record 19 years from 1953 to 1972, and Sir Philip Moore, whose retirement makes way for the new occupant of the post, the 55-year-old Australian, Sir William Heseltine.

This last, together with Lord Charteris, who was the Queen's private secretary between 1972 and 1977, constitute the second category. The job has developed from one of old-style courtier to one of worldly neo-colonial.

Indeed, the hand of Prince Philip can be clearly detected in the appointment of Heseltine and in the clear inference that, in 1986,

the interests of the monarchy are inextricably bound up with those of the Commonwealth.

But while there has been a palpable shift in the character of the Queen's "eyes and ears", the essential brief of the job remains unaltered; it is, at its most mundane, to keep the monarch abreast of the nation's social and political developments and, at its most momentous and as yet academic, to advise her on the proper constitutional course of action in the event of a hung Parliament. Accordingly, the discharging of the function calls for a daunting combination of social skill and political acumen.

If the private secretary's job has become apparently downgraded in the Palace hierarchy during the past 20 years, this is attributable to two distinct but related matters — firstly the Royal Family's increased popularity and attendant compliance with the demands of the media, and secondly the ascendancy of the Queen's principal press secretary, the flamboyant yet defensive part-time fiction writer Mr Michael Shea.

The first private secretary during the present reign, Lascelles, was nothing if not a member of the magic circle: grandson of the fourth Lord Harewood, on the Duke of Windsor's staff between 1920 and 1929, and then assistant private secretary to George V, he was also a thumping reactionary, resigning from the Reform Club when it voted to admit women, and probably contributing more than any other to the blocking of the proposed marriage between Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend.

Sir Michael Adeane was scarcely more of a modernist; Eton, Cambridge, Coldstream Guards,



Working monarch: the Queen at her desk in Buckingham Palace early in her reign and, from left, her personal advisers since 1953 — Sir Alan Lascelles, Sir Michael Adeane, Lord Charteris, Sir Philip Moore and Sir William Heseltine.

and then assistant private secretary to George VI from 1937 to 1952. And yet, like his professional forebears and successors, he was capable of the *bon mot* and the apparently irreverent brand of humour born of breeding. The story goes that he once cut short a conversation with the broadcaster Basil Boothroyd in the corridors of the Palace, thus: "Please forgive me, but I have just learnt that my house is on fire. I wouldn't mind, but as it is part of St James's Palace..."

Despite his very different national pedigree, Heseltine has in common with his predecessors a long period of apprenticeship at the Palace, having succeeded Commander Richard Colville as the Queen's press secretary 18 years ago. The job of PS is now as

sensitive as it has ever been, and this for reasons that can be traced back to 1963 when the Palace appeared to connive in the ongoing Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to install his preferred successor Alec Douglas-Home against Rab Butler.

According to one eminent monarchist and former member of the Cabinet, it was Philip Moore's appointment which broke the traditional mould of the private secretary as a member of the propertied upper classes. Here was a professional Civil Servant, a man from Whitehall rather than Winchester, proving that the Queen could be advised as well by a careerist as a courtier.

And yet, you know, there is an

argument for saying that it's wrong to recruit from the Civil Service, simply because it is there, as always, to serve the government of the day. The interests of the government and those of the Queen are not necessarily the same, not by any means.

"One doesn't want awful old fuddy-duddies in the job, of course. Particularly if it should come to considering a hung Parliament and the whole question of dissolution. This present one, Heseltine, is clearly an excellent choice. Very shrewd, very affable and very sound."

The private secretaries, says royal biographer Elizabeth Longford, have traditionally had the public image of being tweedy and anti-intellectual. "But that is not true. What these men have in

common is that they have all been terrific individuals regardless of their backgrounds. Even in Adeane's day, although he was very cautious in temperament, there were changes. He *did* impose himself from time to time. For example, he was very keen on the Queen going on tour to Ghana in the 1960s, even though many members of the Cabinet opposed it.

"She now has huge experience and expertise of her own. She's also very interested in the media; when she takes part in a film she always does so with the utmost professionalism. When it comes to what you might call big show-downs, she always follows her own counsel. I am thinking of the occasion on which she accused a Fleet Street editor of being pomp-

ous for suggesting that Princess Diana should seed a footman out to the shops when she wanted a packet of fruit gums. When she said that, she did follow it with a smile, but she'd said it none the less.

The PS is undisputed head man in his own office, with beneath him a deputy private secretary, an assistant private secretary, a defence services secretary, a press secretary, two assistant press secretaries and several clerks. He is also officially the keeper of the Queen's archives and needs to be able to call on an intimate knowledge of diplomacy and foreign affairs.

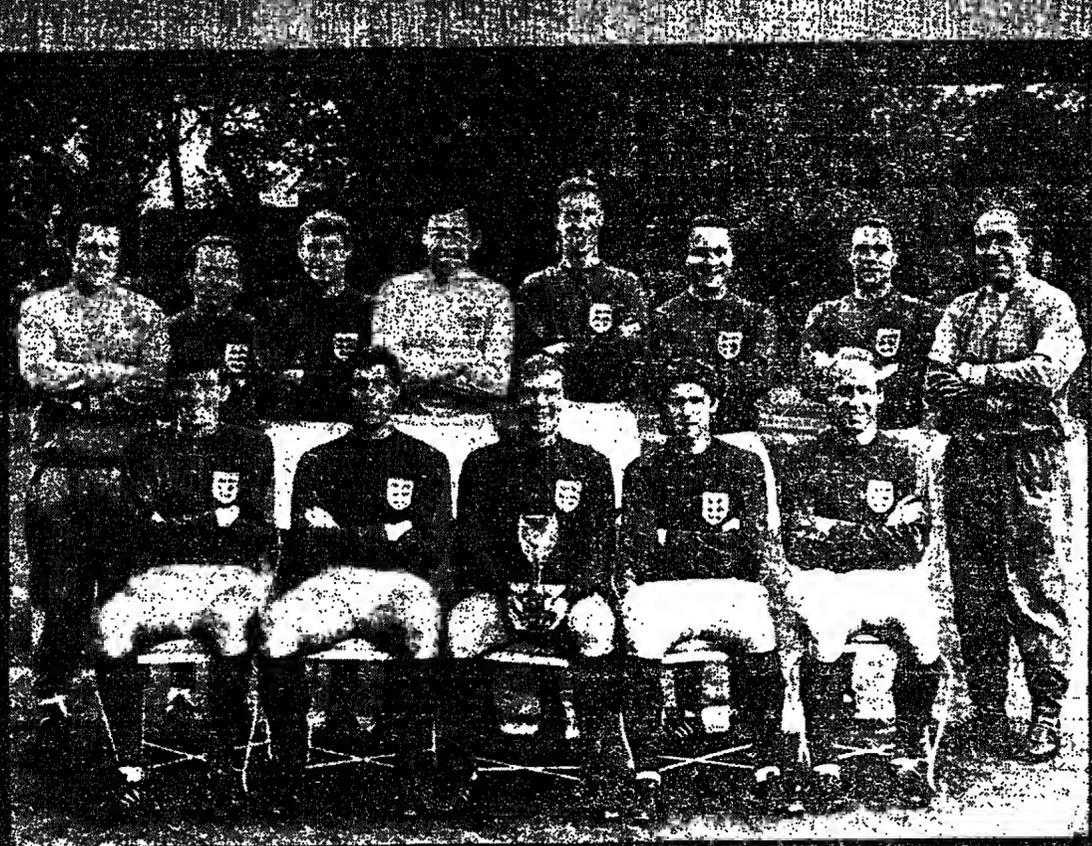
A sense of humour does not come amiss, as Lord Charteris was wont to demonstrate. In 1956 he wrote to the photographer Cecil Beaton reminding him that the copyright of any picture taken of the Queen automatically belonged to her, and concluding his note "so watch it".

By all accounts it is a gruelling task, carrying as it does the responsibility for filling the Queen's diary with all her private engagements. The salary is undisclosed, but the job carries with it accommodation at Windsor Castle and St James's Palace.

"The main thing about it", says one source close to the Royal Family, "is that you must be in the mind of your employer, you must be sensitive to public relations, and above all absolutely non-political. You have to be a political enough. If any party thinks you are favouring another in some way, God help you. It is the Queen whom you are serving, first, second and last. She is a highly intelligent woman, with her own views. Like any intelligent woman, she wants the best advice available. Anything less will not do."

With his sprightly lioe in Aussie humour and his degree in philosophy and Australian History (a first) from the University of Western Australia, Sir William Heseltine looks like a far cry from his four predecessors. But his pedigree remains impressive, for not only has he served his time at the Palace, he also has the unique distinction of already having acted as adviser to another head of state, former Australian Prime Minister Bob Menzies. That, however, was 30 years ago, when Heseltine himself was a mere 25 and the young Queen Elizabeth just four years into her reign. Both have come a long way since then.

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Nicaragua: the pros and the Contras

The US House of Representatives is about to vote on President Reagan's controversial aid package. John Carlin assesses the Contra forces and their leading figures

The Contras, Nicaragua's counter-revolutionaries, have been likened by President Reagan to America's founding fathers, its leaders to Winston Churchill in World War Two. Mr Reagan describes the Contras as "freedom fighters" fighting a battle on behalf of the entire hemisphere against what he sees to be Nicaragua's Sandinista "tyranny", a "Communist cancer" threatening to spread to the United States's southern border.

The core of today's Contra forces began conspiring immediately after the Sandinista rebels overthrew dictator Anastasio Somoza in July 1979. Officers of Somoza's much-feared National Guard, plus Nicaraguan exiles in Miami — mainly rich businessmen sympathetic to Somoza — looked on in frustration, however, as the then President Carter poured economic aid into Nicaragua.

When Mr Reagan took power in 1981, he immediately cut off US assistance and sought ways to provide "covert" help to the Nicaraguan malcontents.

Once the Contras had received American backing, as well as the support of several disenchanted Sandinistas, their theory was that a few military actions would be enough to spark a general uprising. The supposition was — and it still is among many today, even in Washington — that their own discontent with "the Communists" was shared by a population near boiling point.

The Contras have never looked worse

Some four years into the fighting, however, with nearly \$100 million of American aid received, the Contras have never been in worse shape. More than 20,000 Nicaraguans have died, hundreds of young men on both sides have been mutilated, the country's economy has sustained losses in excess of \$1 billion yet, both diplomats and the more candid Contra leaders admit that the Sandinistas' grip on power has never looked more solid.

Not that there is a shortage of anti-government feeling. But the Contras have failed to transform that discontent into support for their armed struggle. One reason is the vastly improved performance of a Sandinista army well-equipped with Soviet arms and trained by Cuban army officers.

But of equal importance, perhaps, has been the widespread perception of the Contras as so-called *Somocistas*. In the countryside where they operate — the Contras have never penetrated a major city — people often refer to them as *La Guardia*, the (National) Guard. The prejudice has been confirmed in the eyes of many by Contra atrocities: murders, rapes and kidnappings documented by Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. Such

PROFILE

- Population: Three million
- Size: 129,500 sq km
- Capital: Managua (pop. 900,000)
- Religion: Overwhelmingly Roman Catholic
- Language: Spanish; some English and Creole spoken on the Atlantic Coast. Literacy: 88 per cent
- Resources: Coffee, cotton, sugar, cattle, fishing



nomes de guerre among Contra forces as "rattlesnake", "coyote", "suicide" and "cancer" have often tended to be only too well chosen.

Besides, the Contras have shown themselves to be woefully incompetent guerrilla fighters, poorly trained and badly led. An attack last November pointedly dramatized the military imbalance.

Breaking an elementary rule of guerrilla warfare — always use the cover of darkness — a Contra column attacked a small town just as dawn was breaking. The young militiamen defending the town held out for several hours, giving themselves more than enough time to radio for help. The Sandinista local command sent in one of its Soviet helicopter gunships.

The Contras fled and, across open ground and in broad daylight, the helicopter "tore them to shreds" in the words of one appalled foreign military observer.

Both senior Contra leaders and American officials say extensive training, key tactical changes and new field commanders are required if the Contras are ever to pose a significant threat to the Sandinistas.

At the moment, the great majority of the Contras, more than 70 per cent, are paralysed behind the Honduran border. The estimated 2,500 still operating inside Nicaragua, mainly in the sparsely populated province of Chontales, are said by military observers to be "bleeding to death". The great hopes nourished by American support four years ago are in ruins today and there are many who believe that, with or without President Reagan's assistance, the Contras are a beaten army force.



Guerrillas in training: fighters of the the Nicaraguan Democratic Force who are based in Honduras

FDN — THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE

This group claims more than 20,000 combatants but probably has fewer than 12,000.

Commander-in-chief: Adolfo Calero. He was general manager of Nicaragua's Coca-Cola concession until Somoza's fall in 1979. American educated, he is repeatedly linked to the CIA. In practice, he is more FDN political than military chief.

Military commander: Enrique Bermudez. Former colonel in Somoza's National Guard and

military attaché in Washington.

The fiercely anti-Communist FDN is by far the biggest of the Contra forces and receives the lion's share of US funding. It also has the financial backing of Miami-based Nicaraguan exiles and private American "anti-Communist" groups.

FDN troops are based in camps just inside the rugged mountains Honduras border and are a crucible of atrocities against Sandinista officials and sympathizers.

SEVEN YEARS OF UPHEAVAL

1979: Sandinista revolutionary triumph. Dictator Somoza flees to Miami, ending 40 years' dynastic rule.

1980: Somoza's National Guard flees to neighbouring Central American countries.

1980: Handful of National Guard officers form ragged Army of National Liberation and make sporadic incursions into Nicaragua from the Honduran border.

1981: Reagan elected. He cuts off aid to Sandinistas and orders CIA "covert aid" worth nearly \$20 million to the Nicaraguan rebels, now operating in four loosely led groups.

1982: FDN, ARDE and Atlantic Coast Rebel groups formed, pressuring Sandinista government from north, south and east. CIA and Argentine army provide training and financing valued at \$30 million. Sandinistas report 78 acts of combat this year, five times more than in 1981. Economic sabotage becomes key strategy.

1983: FDN military infrastructure solidifies. CIA training yields fruit and 600 combats registered this year, a dramatic stepping up of the fighting. Key Pacific port and Managua airport bombed.

1984: Contras' best year. Operations in one third of Nicaraguan territory; 948 combats reported by Sandinistas. Ports mined with CIA assistance, causing international outrage. Press revelation of CIA "terror" manual leads US congress to suspend all Contra aid.

1985: Unified Nicaraguan opposition (UNO) formed bringing together main rebel groups except Pastora's, causing rift in ARDE. US congress approves Reagan request for "humanitarian", "non-lethal" aid in June. Exultant Contra leaders talk of a "final offensive", saying Sandinistas will fall by end of year. In August Contras briefly take town of La Trinidad, just 60 miles from Managua. In retreat lose more than 100 men.

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Leading man: Edén Pastora, the most popular guerrilla chief

COMMANDER ZERO

Edén Pastora, aged 49, leader of the Arde branch of the Contras, was once the darling of the Sandinista revolution.

Known as Commander Zero, Pastora was the most daring, dashing and single-minded of the anti-Somoza guerrilla leaders, a one-time shark hunter and notorious womanizer who claimed to have fathered more than 22 children.

In 1978, he commanded perhaps the boldest raid in Latin American guerrilla history. With 25 men he captured Somoza's stooge parliament, or National Assembly, and held more than 1,000 hostages during three days of negotiations with the government. He managed to secure the release of 59 Sandinista prisoners — including current Interior Minister Tomas Borge — and flew safely with them out of the country.

After Somoza's fall he was named Deputy Defence Minister, became quickly disenchanted with revolutionary bureaucracy, fell out with the rigorous Marxists who took charge of government and resolved to take up arms against them.

More comfortable in the role of the rebel romantic, he accepted US assistance and set up his base in the jungle swamps of southern Nicaragua. But to the eternal frustration of his American backers he has refused to this day to join forces with the mainstream FDN opposition.

Pastora says he will not fight alongside ex-members of the "Somocista" National Guard, which murdered his father when he was seven years old. In May

nation attempt when a bomb disguised as a tape recorder exploded during a jungle press conference, killing three reporters.

Pastora claims the CIS did it, though nobody knows for sure, partly because Pastora's politics are hard to pin down — one suspects even he would have difficulty trying. A quixotic idealist, above all, he describes himself as "a Democrat", equally opposed to the extremes of right and left.

"I want neither the exploitation of man by man nor of man by the state", he declared recently. He likes neither the Sandinistas nor the FDN Contras nor even President Reagan, apparently, though he is willing to accept his money. At present his ARDE troops are bogged down and offer little threat to the Sandinista army.

He remains, however, by far the most charismatic of the counter-revolutionary leaders. Should the Sandinistas ever be overthrown, he is the Nicaraguan leader who will command the greatest popular credibility.

ARDE

Estimates of its fighting strength differ widely from 500 to 2,500.

Edén Pastora and Alfonso Robelo (a multi-millionaire), but military and political wings respectively until a split last year. Robelo joined the FDN to form one umbrella force.

ARDE operates from bases in the jungle either inside Costa Rica or just inside Nicaragua's southern border. Militarily bogged down at present, it is more moderate politically than the FDN.



Contra soldiers: usually badly trained and badly led

REBEL GROUPS

Consisting of 4,000 mainly indigenous fighters with some English-speaking Caribbean blacks, Steadman Fogath and Brooklyn Rivera are the two most prominent leaders.

It is divided into various complex factions, some of which are holding talks with the government. Its motives for rebellion are founded on racial and cultural differences with the Sandinistas, who now recognize initial "errors" in their handling of the Atlantic Coast Communities. Has received CIA funding.

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These findings are in stark contrast to the credibility of information received direct from the company for which they work, where a credibility index of 60 per cent is six times that of those who say they can "seldom or never" believe the information they are fed by their company.

FINDINGS

PUBLIC OPINION
A series reporting on research

Terrorism watch

Following December's terrorist attack at Rome airport, the New York Times commissioned MORI to co-ordinate a survey in Britain, France and Germany measuring the views of citizens towards the problem of terrorism and how it should be dealt with. While four in 10 Britons believed that the British Government was doing all it could to protect its people against international terrorism, only three in 10 French-

men and a quarter of Germans felt their governments were. Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization were named as the main perpetrators of terrorist attacks. Nearly as many people in Britain thought that the Irish Republican Army was the main culprit.

Lost nationalism

The Eurobarometre study published by the EEC has now been in operation for over a decade and is beginning to show some extremely interesting trends. For instance, there now appears to be an inverse correlation between the increase in support for unification and a decrease in pride of nationality — in France and Italy, at any rate.

In the early 1970s, 65 per cent of the French said they were "very proud" of their nationality, whereas in the mid-1980s only 33 per cent take that view. Over the same period there was a 17 per cent increase in support of the unification of Europe. A 14 per cent increase in support for unification was measured in Italy where there was a decline of 21 per cent of those proud to be Italian.

Robert M Worcester

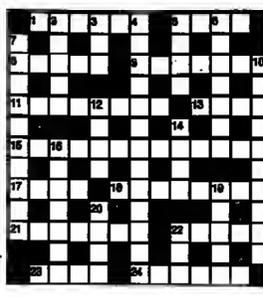
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KARL LAGERFELD

Chanel's toy boy

The self-styled design machine is in London — looking for fashion talent

Chanel is just a toy for me", says Karl Lagerfeld conspiratorially. "It was something new for me to play with."

Lagerfeld is indulging in his favourite game of pretending that he does not take his work seriously. The designer who has revitalized the Chanel image, and creates collections under his own KL label and for Fendi in Italy, likes to play the dilettante. He takes a dandified interest in his appearance ("choosing a tie-pin and cuff links is the most important thing a man has to do in the morning"); he is obsessively fond of 18th-century style and collects its furnishings and fans; he was born to money and dismisses any discussion of prices; "I don't have to pay so I don't know anything about the cost."

He gives a rich man's parties: last month's was a frolic at Versailles to launch his KL men's fragrance. He is witty and likes us to know it. He is also a workaholic: an ex-assistant claims that he never took a holiday in five years.

"Work is invigorating", says Karl.

Last Thursday, Lagerfeld's self-styled image as a fashion playboy was decried when he flew into town especially to judge the 1986 Selfridges/Royal College of Art Bursary, given biennially to a promising fashion student.

"After all", he says, "it is how I started. I won a student competition all those years ago. It is good to see what the students are doing, hein?"

The stream of glibly-stopped sentences and the Teutonic interrogative emphasize Lagerfeld's German origins, although his design life has been in Paris since he won an International Wool design competition in 1954. Another award went to the young Yves Saint Laurent, founding a design rivalry and personal friendship that endured for two decades.

Lagerfeld dismisses the ru-



Karl Lagerfeld: a passion for the 18th Century

...mours of his rift with Yves as greatly exaggerated. Karl's description of Yves as a "biad noir" (in reference to Saint Laurent's childhood in Algeria) could be put down to Karl's mischievous tongue. In another scandalous statement, Karl waggishly described his curvaceous collection for Fendi as "shaped to be raped".

Such gaffes do not endear him to the French fashion establishment. At the 1985 Oscars de la Mode, the maverick Lagerfeld was ostentatiously snubbed.

What are Lagerfeld's achievements — apart from restoring the vibrancy of the House of Chanel, which opens a new London boutique in Sloane Street next Monday?

At the House of Chloé, Lagerfeld invented the concept of prêt-à-porter de luxe which put Paris ready-to-wear fashion on track. He created the light seamless silk dresses that the French describe as *Le Flou*. He now claims to have been treated by the owners of Chloé as a design hack. "In 20 years I was not once invited to dine with them at home", he says.

Two years after he left Chloé in 1982 to set up his own KL label, the company was sold to Dunhill. Revenge is as sweet as the apple strudel that Karl has piled on his plate. "It

is the only thing that I will still go into the kitchen to cook", he says. "But now my mother is no longer alive, there is no one to help me if I get stuck in the middle."

This is an endearing vision of the super-sophisticated Karl, reverting to Teutonic nursery food in the privacy of his own five homes: the 18th-century hôtel on the Left Bank of Paris, the château in Brittany, the Monte Carlo apartment filled with Memphis neo-fifties furniture; they all feed the publicity of the man who once described himself to me as a "design machine".

Karl Lagerfeld is a profoundly cultured man, with wide-ranging interests in art and architecture. He has a passion for the 18th century, expressed in his own person by garnet cuff links and the lapis seal ring from his great-grandmother's inheritance. In his flamboyant youth he would wear 18th-century frock coats instead of a sober three-piece suit.

He will still buy wardrobes of antique clothes for his friend and fellow 18th-century enthusiast Anna Piaggi, who appeared at the Versailles gala in full Marie Antoinette fig. He is charming and generous about Anna, an Italian fashion editor, whom he describes as a "free spirit". A book of 200 sketches by Karl of Anna in



'I would not do it without Inès. I ask her everything.'

Lagerfeld on his model muse (below)



Left: The new young Chanel: Pearl and gilt sunburst earrings, £35, spiral snake bracelet embossed with 'Coco Chanel', £225. Large link gold chains, rhinestone and pearl ropes, worn with a gilt buttoned white pique bustier, all from a selection at Chanel's new boutique, 31 Sloane Street, SW1 from Monday. Make-up by Ruth Sheldon using Chanel's spring and summer colours, Les Croisettes. Hair by Guido at Toni and Guy.

Photograph by NICK BRIGGS

different guises will be published by Thames and Hudson in the autumn.

About other friends and clients he can be more ascerbic, from the hoydenish Princess Stephanie of Monaco to Jerry Hall. "She likes to wear Chanel", he says silkily, "because she thinks it makes her look like a lady."

Karl Lagerfeld's triumphant success with the Chanel image has come precisely because the clothes no longer look proper and lady-like but young and sexy. He has twisted and tweaked the gilded chaos, hooked up hemlines, puffed out shoulders and moulded the jackets to the body.

"Chanel is a woman's collection designed by a woman. It does not interest me so

much", says Karl. "I would not do it without Inès. I ask her everything. She tells me what she wants to wear and I design it." That included, this last month, the famous quilted Chanel bag made as a mini skirt suspended on gilded chains about the rangy legs of the aristocratic Inès de la Fressange, who is the new image for the house of Chanel as well as Lagerfeld's muse and friend.

Together, the extrovert Karl and impish Inès appear to be cooking a snook at the bourgeois old lady Chanel had become. The international corporation, founded on the No 5 perfume, Chanel boutiques and accessories, finds itself in a dilemma. Like any ageing woman attracting a younger man, the house is

alternately willing to indulge his whims, terrified of losing him, and infuriated by his insouciance.

Karl, for his part, behaves like a toy boy: complaining of the attitude of the American management, of boredom, of lack of appreciation of his skills. His critics say that Chanel is more than a fistful of gilded chains and giant buttons; that Karl does not have a profound understanding of the haute couture, its understatement and elegance, which is the fountainhead of French fashion.

His own KL collections in Paris and New York are just getting into their stride. His most enduring relationship

has been with Carla Fendi about whom he is graceful and tender. The superb furs he has created with the five Fendi sisters were the subject of an exhibition in Rome last year. This was produced entirely from the Fendi archives. Karl is passionate in his refusal to keep any record of his designs and claims to abhor the idea of a retrospective exhibition. Inevitably, this honour will be granted to Yves Saint Laurent at the Paris Musée de la Mode later this year.

Lagerfeld is enthusiastic about the students whose work he sees and the assistants he has trained, including the newly launched British Alistair Blair. "I think we should wait a few seasons before we make him a star, hein?" he says cautiously.

Over the bratwurst and strudel at Langans, Karl talks about the Princess of Wales (whose clothes he feels are not well enough tailored); about the Vienna exhibition in Paris which confirms his own distaste for the Secessionist period ("something rotten in there"); about Egon Schiele ("the epitome of everything I dislike but a great artist").

Karl Lagerfeld is one of those infinitely rare fashion spirits who expresses himself as persuasively in words (and in a foreign language) as he does in cloth. His observations are acute and so is his judgement of himself.

"My dream", he says, "is to become invisible. Just a pair of eyes — watching."

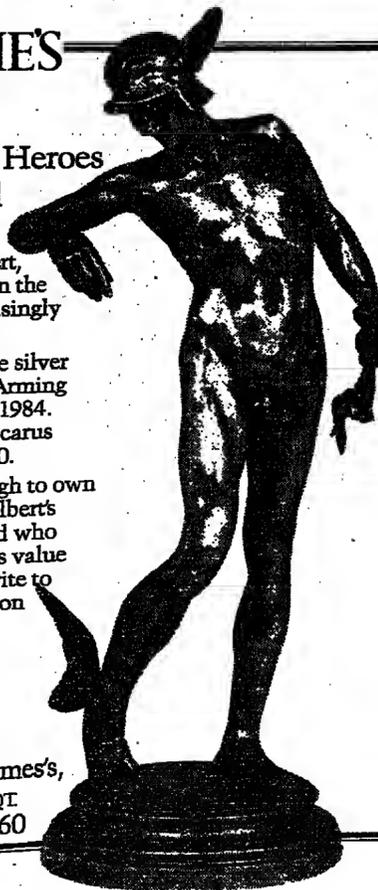
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Hype cast

Crépe Suzette points her shell pink lips and slinks round the Pompeii Café in a skin-tight off-the-shoulder yellow sheath dress. Her boyfriend Colin mimes through Soho in his brand new "skin", a silk and mohair zoot suit.

This is not the absolute beginning of a rash on retro-fifties fashion. In 1966 we stopped dressing up and street fashion will resist any amount of hype. The international spring collections showed a return to couture style dressing, but little black dresses are a million catwalks away from the chi-chi silk frocks of Henley's couture house in *Absolute Beginners*.

For old romantics, Johnsons is the home of the winkler-picker no money down to 406 Kings Road, tie a knot in your slim-fim tie — but don't pretend it's fashion.

Rebecca Tyrrel



Patsy Kensit as pouting Crépe Suzette

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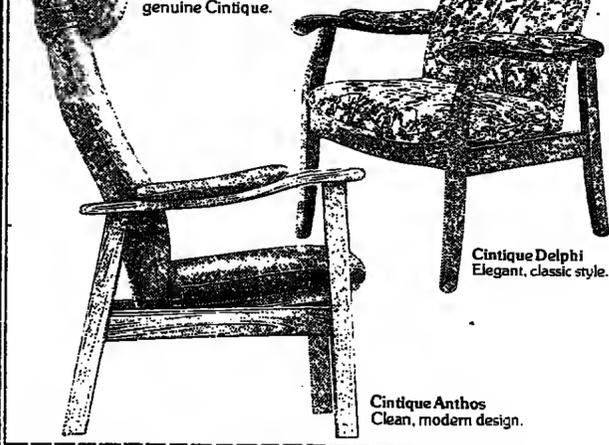
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THE TIMES DIARY

Read all about it

Eddy Shah plans to launch a new quality newspaper - working title The Tribune - to compete with the Times, Financial Times, Telegraph and Guardian.

Fighting talk

Conflict within the Labour party is not confined to the National Executive. The Middlesborough city council had barely assembled last week before a fist flew.

Back to the beat

Patricia Porter, the woman constable whose ears were damaged when her boss suddenly sprang up behind her and tried to rape her, returns to duty at Hyde Park police station this week after more than four weeks sick leave.

BARRY FANTONI



My sermon will be as long as usual, Archdeacon, even though there's a sale in the High Street

Paper wait

After News on Sunday director Clive Thornton's initial enthusiasm for News International's offer of the Gray's Inn Road plant, the left-of-centre newspaper, due to be launched next year, has stepped back in line with the sceptical press unions.

Beknighited

A propos my piece yesterday about the police stopping one Sam Soe (a black joker), I hear that Sir Henry Plumb, who leads the Conservative group in the European Parliament in this week's debate on agriculture, has acquired a slightly embarrassing nickname.

Mass appeal

Has the British embassy in Rome lost the knack of the royal announcement? Invitations to a mass at the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in honour of the Queen's 60th birthday on April 21 say it will be conducted by Monsignor Dilwyn Lewis Camerlengo unless a British Catholic bishop happens to be in Rome at the time.

Striking terror

The Irish Football Association - IFA - was inundated with transatlantic telephonic calls and telexes yesterday over a one-letter misprint in the Sunday People.

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Helsinki: the hope betrayed

by Anatoly Shcharansky

Ten years ago a number of Soviet dissidents banded together to work towards the implementation of the Helsinki Agreement. We were guided by the idea that questions of a humanitarian nature, on which great powers cannot reach agreement, are often capable of being understood and agreed upon by ordinary independent members of society.

What do we see, a decade later? Jewish emigration, which started at the beginning of the 1970s, has been forcibly terminated by the authorities. Several hundred thousand Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union cannot do so, since the government announced that the process of emigration had been terminated.

I spent nine years in Soviet prisons and labour camps, and can state with certainty that since the drafting of the Helsinki Agreement conditions in prisons and camps have grown worse. At the end of 1983 or beginning of 1984 a new article came into force under which the authorities can almost automatically prolong the sentences of prisoners in jails and camps. This is already being done to members of Helsinki groups,

dozens of whom are imprisoned in the Soviet Union. The article is employed to prolong the prison sentences of so-called "unre-educated" political prisoners - those who have not renounced their ideas and beliefs. The measure is also used to frighten and deter others.

Secondly, according to an instruction introduced little more than a year ago, prisoners who go on hunger strike are immediately thrown into solitary confinement cells, thus increasing their suffering. Why is this so important? Because, as a rule, what takes place in the labour camp reflects in the clearest way the situation throughout the entire country.

I want to make a special point of the case of Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov. This heroic figure, this most noble human being, is carrying on the best traditions of the Russian intelligentsia, fighting for the many people whose rights - whether national, religious or political - are trampled by the Soviet authorities.

I consider it particularly important to raise my voice now, when his position is especially difficult, when he is being so cruelly and unjustly isolated from his

family, his friends, and from the possibility of carrying on his social and scientific activity in the normal way. More and more, his health is giving cause for alarm. I therefore call on the Soviet government to stop persecuting him, to give this remarkable man the chance to continue his social and scientific work through proper, normal conditions.

The years I spent in prison convinced me how accurate and appropriate were those first documents published by our Helsinki monitoring group. And I am convinced that the international community's struggle to induce the Soviet Union to begin at last fulfilling the agreements it signed in Helsinki in 1975 is more urgent than ever before. I hope this work will be continued, so leading to constructive steps that will help build the conditions for genuine detente, for genuine trust between great countries. As a necessary condition of this, the human rights sections of the Helsinki Agreement must be fulfilled.

This message was relayed to a "counter-conference" on the Helsinki Agreement review meeting beginning in Bern, Switzerland, today. Translation by Nicholas Bethell.

Richard Owen outlines moves to reduce EEC food supplies

From lake and mountain and into the wood

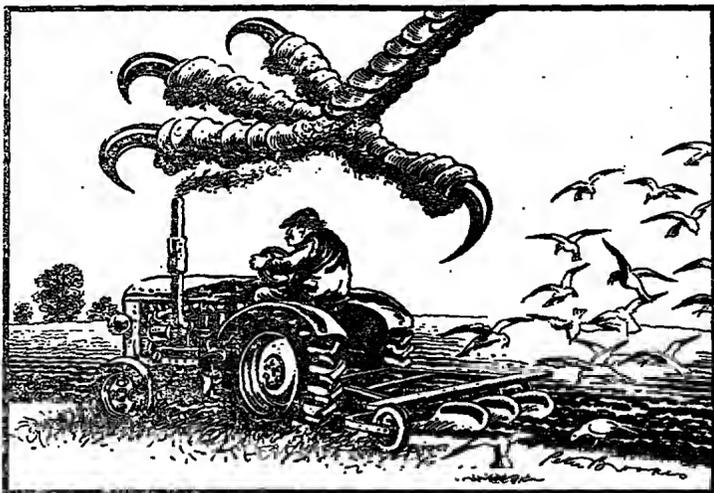
Brussels EEC ministers might have been preoccupied with Colonel Gaddafi yesterday but for the rest of this week and next they will be discussing topics much closer to home, principally the common agricultural policy (CAP).

Despite John Selwyn Gummer's belief - revealed on Radio 4 - that European farm surpluses are proof of God's abundance and not necessarily a bad thing, pressure is intensifying within the EEC to find a solution to the mountains of butter and grain and the lakes of milk and wine. With the force of an idea whose time has come, the phrase "set aside" is more and more frequently heard on the lips of farm ministers, Commission officials, and Euro-MPs.

It means, to quote David Curry and James Elles, the Conservative MEPs who have been extolling the merits of "set aside" for two years, that the best way to deal with surpluses is not to dispose of them expensively but, as common sense should dictate, to avoid creating them in the first place. The best way to achieve that is to persuade farmers to set aside productive land, and either leave it fallow or use it to plant trees. Alternatively, Europe's farmers could become nature reserve wardens and enhance the environment.

This startlingly simple idea arouses scepticism. "Butterflies instead of food surpluses" was the Frankfurter Allgemeine's droll headline in December when Ignaz Klechle, the West German agriculture minister, espousing set aside schemes, said he thought that 100,000 German farmers might take up the chance of alternative land use.

The Bonn cabinet, none the less, is to debate the idea tomorrow and the EEC Commission in Brussels is expected to include it in its proposals this week for the culture, to be debated by the



European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Britain too is following the trend. Farmers are a hard-headed breed, but many are also ecologically-minded. Gummer's boss at the Ministry of Agriculture, Michael Jopling, last month set up a lands and environmental affairs group with a brief to study EEC policy, which affects the "green currencies" in which the farm prices are calculated. But Kiechle will not accept any consequent disadvantage to German farmers, and has threatened to offer them state aid as compensation.

If the EEC were to meet part of the cost of paying farmers not to produce - perhaps as much as half - leaving national governments to meet the rest, "set aside" might take root. Some of its proponents, such as James Elles, point to the experience of the United States, where land taken out of production is automatically reactivated when demand again exceeds supply.

The Americans spend twice as much on farm support as the EEC, and Europe has nearly five times as many people employed in agriculture. On the other hand, rapprochement with the United States over farm support systems, aid for areas of natural beauty, and "set aside" might go some way

toward helping to defuse current transatlantic tensions over trade and thus ease the next round of GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

The sceptics argue that farmers would be inclined to take marginal land out of use, and there is no guarantee that the cost of "set aside" systems would be any less than the cost of producing and storing Europe's abundance of food. But most EEC farm experts agree the time has come for fundamental structural reforms in the CAP, as well as piecemeal solutions like the controversial co-responsibility levy on cereals farmers.

Mrs Thatcher, evidently with both Jopling and Waldegrave beside her, firmly intends to tackle CAP reform during Britain's presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers, beginning in July. The Prime Minister will no doubt be attracted by the additional benefits of "set aside" for enterprising young farmers, who, as an EEC official told a farming and wildlife conference at Cirencester this month, could be given land taken out of production to make a start in life - provided, presumably, they do not grow cereals or keep dairy cattle.

William Frankel on why, for the sake of the future, the past should not be forgotten

Forestalling the new Holocaust

The trial of Adolf Eichman in 1961 was an illustration of this educational element in the judicial process. The world followed intently the daily drama as the cold facts of the Final Solution were given a human scale by the personal evidence of terrors witnessed or suffered. But as the hearing proceeded it became apparent that the younger generation of Israelis and Germans, through the reluctance of parents to talk of their experiences, was shamefully ignorant of what had happened. That recognition encouraged educational changes in both countries.

Some have argued that remembering the atrocities only perpetuates hatred. But hatred of evil should be nurtured, along with a deepened resolve to resist the smallest step on the road to a new genocide.

Bringing the criminals to trial is also a reminder that the victims were abandoned by the world. The eminent educational psychologist, Dr Bruno Bettelheim, said in a recent lecture in London: "The Nazis murdered the Jews of Europe. That nobody but the Jews cared and that many of the Jews did not care very much was why the life-drive of so many European Jews was first weakened and then extinguished. One of the last messages from the Warsaw Ghetto said: 'The world knows and stays silent. God's Vicar in the Vatican

is silent. There is silence in London and Washington. The American Jews are silent. The silence is incomprehensible and horrifying."

Dr Bettelheim's concern was not with the past but with the present. His interest was in the survival of all those threatened with destruction, whether in Vietnam, Ethiopia or Lebanon. Their survival depends on the resolve of other countries to help; and for this reason the Holocaust must not be forgotten. It is not only a reminder for the world at large but holds a warning for today's potential persecutors. For the sake of the victims of the future, the killers of



Demjanjuk: his trial could help to deter others

the past must not be allowed to escape retribution.

The Nazi-hunters see themselves as acting on the principle that criminals should be brought to justice. They are not out for vengeance. How could the punishment possibly fit the crime? Simon Wiesenthal, the most widely known of the Nazi-hunters, has said: "If I had sought revenge, I would have had to give up a long time ago. I would have become sated, sickened. My guiding thought has always been that we who know what happened do not have the right to forget."

But remembering is not without its dangers; it can become obsessive and paranoid. It has led to the rise of Israel's Kach party, which sees the Arabs as the successors to the Nazis and the lesson of the Holocaust as the adoption of Nazi methods.

Israel's feeling of vulnerability, surrounded as she is by enemies, is obvious. Insecurity builds on itself. But what of the Jews of the West? More than half of the diaspora lives in the United States, and most of the others in Europe, in freedom and prosperity. But even they suffer under different degrees of apprehension. In part it is the residue of a history of persecution, but the hostility towards the Jews still continues. The virulence of anti-semitism in the Soviet Union is unabated and exported, there are attacks on Jews by political extremists and Arab terrorists. The denial of the Holocaust is internationally propagated.

Perhaps Christians cannot be expected to understand Jewish reactions any more than a white man can put himself into a black skin. But I believe that, kept fresh by current anxieties, the memory of the gas chambers and crematoria remains the most formative influence in the Jewish consciousness.

Digby Anderson

Our debt to the Victorians

Last week, at St James's Piccadilly, Norman Tebbit developed his Disraeli lecture hopes for a backlash against permissivism. These, commendably, were not confined to sexual morality; he spoke much too about "order". But he still underestimates and even mis-diagnoses the problem. It is not just that new moral values are faulty but that vast tracts of modern life, private and public, are no longer presumed to have a moral dimension at all, or if they have, it is vague and sentimental. The current discussion of debt is a good example.

A Whitehall audit recently confirmed that town halls failed to collect £200 million in council rent last year. Nor was the debt due to poverty; non-collecting councils had no poorer populations than many collecting councils. Problems of debt elsewhere are increasing. The Finance Houses Association, the trade body for hire-purchase companies, reports growing arrears; so do the building societies, which have had to repossess four times more property than in 1979.

Morally, the position appears clear: bad debtors are not bailed out by their creditors, by council and finance houses. In the end the cost is passed on in higher interest charges or council rates to those, sometimes poorer than the debtors, who have promptly paid their bills. Moreover, bad debt is essentially a breach of promise. Of course there are complications, necessary distinctions and exceptions. Debtors who have security, which can be repossessed, such as houses, may not inflict costs on others. Even the best-intentioned contract can be broken because of unforeseen events. And certainly the negligent councils are also blameworthy.

But to recognize that individual cases are complicated is totally different to saying that debt is not a moral matter at all. And for many today, bad debt has ceased to be a matter for shame, a matter for which the debtor is the obvious first candidate for blame.

If any one is blamed, it is the creditor for having seduced the debtor. Applying the reasoning which organizations such as Nacro use to shift blame from criminals to victims (people shoplift because the stores display their goods too attractively), Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, recently branded as "irresponsible" mortgage lenders who take on homeowners with tight budgets or give 100 per cent mortgages to young people without warning them of maintenance and insurance costs.

The villains are the lenders: the debtors "casualties". It appears that the most intelligent and lengthily educated generation ever has learned neither that houses need repairs nor that forethought is the moral precondition of a promise honourably made.

Sir Gordon has more perturbing things to say: "No one can put the clock back to Victorian values, nor should they try". He may have had some particular values in mind, perhaps that of perverted thrift stifling risk-taking, but his words reinforce two current assumptions. First that the clock cannot be put back on any matter. It can. It has been; as regards trade unions, the attitude that the world owes one a living, and as regards permissive child rearing.

At a more trivial level, fashion designers put the clock forward and back continually. This nonsense about the irreversible clock is based on a more fundamental misconception about the relentless and unidirectional movement of progress which itself requires severe and detailed questioning.

And why not put the clock back to the best of Victorian values (not policies)? Most were not simply Victorian but eternal, if not eternally recognized. The term provokes an immediate snigger among progressives. Are they in a position to snigger? What is notable about Victorian values is their number and range. They covered all aspects of life and for each aspect there were several values to be set against one another. Victorian values at their best could handle a problem like debt with ease.

The sheer number of values is impressive, values we have forgotten or are shy of mentioning. Who now talks convincingly and precisely of stability, courage, duty, hospitality, charity, chastity, gentleness, loyalty, perseverance? Even more, who is willing to name precisely: the vices sloth, pride, gossip, immodesty, disobedience? We have, of course, new values to replace these: self-fulfilment, creativity, authentic relationships, community and political lobbying for politicians to care for some needy or too needy group on our behalf.

In values at least, there has been no progress. Contemporary society's moral vocabulary, grammar and rules of application are cruder and narrower than the Victorians'. We have lost competence in moral discrimination and application beyond what Professor Basil Mitchell called the "plasticities" of good will, a vague obligation to mutual aid and abstinence from injury, and an even vaguer honesty of restricted application.

They will not be recovered by what Norman Tebbit calls a "backlash". It is not feeling that is needed. There is too much of that already in modern morality. But a backlash may be needed to set in motion the thinking and institutional changes which will indeed put the clock back to the best of values sometimes misdescribed as Victorian.

The author is director of the Social Affairs Unit.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Murder à la Michelin

One of the trendiest bits of meat you can get in restaurants today is the hit of duck breast known as Magret de canard. But most menus on which I have seen it offered insist on calling it Maigret de canard. A simple slip, but so evocative...

Somewhere in the dark bedroom the telephone rang. Inspector Maigret-de-Canard awoke gradually, like some shipwrecked slowly being pulled from the dark depths, and surfaced into consciousness. Beside him in the bed his wife shifted slightly, without waking up. She was used to calls at unearthy hours.

"Maigret-de-Canard", he said into his slipper. He realized his mistake, put the slipper down and picked up the phone. He repeated his name. "A body... behind the Grand Champignon... cause of death unknown... no identity... Right, I'll be over."

Maigret groaned and looked at the clock: 5.30 am. He lumbered to the window and opened the shutters, to reveal the beginning of a grey Paris morning, rather like a cold floury white sauce spread across the sky. It was minutely streaked with pink, as if the great chef in the sky had decided to add a little raspberry vinegar. Raspberry vinegar in a flour-based sauce. Maigret-de-Canard shuddered.

Ten minutes later he was in his little Renault, jolting across the cobbled streets like a spoon dancing across croutons. As a senior inspector in the Food Squad he deserved something a little classier, he thought for the thousandth time, and swore to avoid a lorry. At this time of day there were only lorries about, bringing into Paris the vital supplies of ketchup, fresh ginger, sorrel, monkfish, sorbets and all the other basic foodstuffs that a great city needs. He stopped. The lights changed from red to green, as if the claret were being replaced with creme de menthe, and he carried on.

The Grand Champignon was one of the great eating places of Paris, three stars in Michelin and fully booked by Americans for years ahead, but the only sign of activity when he arrived was an ambulance and a flurry of policemen in the kitchen area. Lucas had got there before him. "I'm baffled, patron", he said.

"The dead man is middle-aged, well-dressed and quite fit apart from rigor mortis. But there are absolutely no signs of identity on him, apart from this tape recording."

"Have you played it back?"

"Yes. There is one phrase on it. 'The potage is excellent.' That is all. 'The potage is excellent.' 'Humm. And were these vegetables here when you arrived?' Maigret-de-Canard noted no three thin slices of avocado and a sprig of dill, lying next to the body. 'Well, yes, but...'

"And you notice that the body is rather... pink?"

Lucas admitted that it was. "The explanation is quite obvious to me", said the great detective. "There are only a few classes of citizen who travel with no identity: spies, royalty - and Michelin restaurant inspectors. This man has the girth of a food inspector. Last night, I have no doubt, he came to inspect the Grand Champignon, and because the use of a pad and pencil immediately betrays the food inspector, he had recourse to a tape recorder. The staff overheard him making disparaging comments about the place, and decided he had to be got rid of before he took away one of their Michelin stars."

"But he said the potage was excellent!"

"Dis donc, Lucas! To a three-star restaurant, that is an insult. Nothing less than magnificent, ineffable, celestial will do. So he had to be got rid of. Arrest the chef, and he will confess."

"But the manner of death...?"

"Prof, Lucas? You do not eat out often enough. The Grand Champignon is famous for its lobster with avocado and dill. This poor man was boiled to death, like a lobster, hence the pinkness. The chef could not resist adding the appropriate garnish. An artist! And yet..."

He prodded the corpse with his foot. "When you arrest the chef, tell him that his victim was overdone. By ten minutes. And now I am going back to bed."

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THE ARTS

Television
Mystery of the altruist

Last night two academics... On *Horizon* (BBC2) the Oxford zoologist Richard Dawkins registered dismay at his book *The Selfish Gene*...

Galleries
What on earth is it all about?

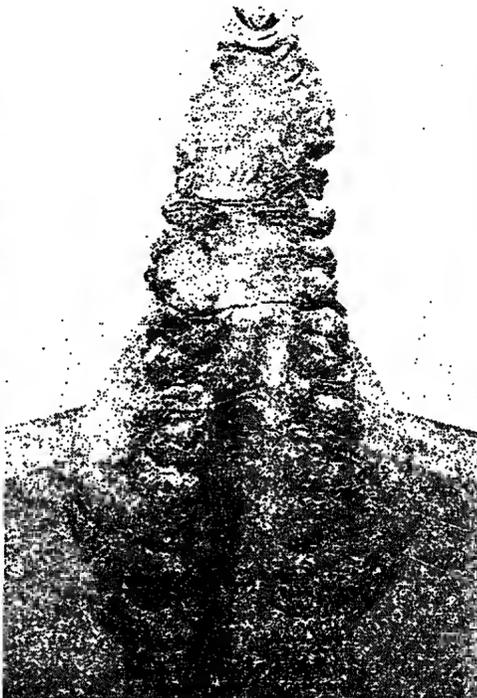
Falls the Shadow
Hayward

The Hayward (almost) Annual is a curious institution. No one seems to know from one year to the next what it is for, what it is about or whether in fact it will even take place.

derance of work done in the last year or two, a selection of works by five artists no longer alive: Bomberg, Broodthaers, Footana, Yves Klein and Manzoni.

so, certainly, than Stephen McKenna, who shares some of the same interests. For a show which uses the whole, considerable space of the Hayward, including two sculpture roof spaces...

John Russell Taylor
Disturbing reminder of Tenniel's Caterpillar out of Alice? — *Breath* by Giuseppe Penone, whose robust sense of humour presents the most enjoyable and provocative new way of looking at things



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Why anyone should need to conduct such experiments in order to arrive at conclusions which the averagely intelligent viewer could furnish from his or her own experience of life is a mystery quite as baffling as the "riddle of human consciousness" that exercised Nicholas Humphrey in the second part of his *Inner Eye* series on Channel 4, *Natural Psychology*.

David Robinson recalls the golden age of the early French cinema, currently being celebrated in showings of refurbished prints at the National Film Theatre



Concerts
LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

It has not been the luckiest of years for the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Their principal conductor Klaus Tennstedt's illness cast a gloom to mid-season, and their principal guest conductor Jesus Lopez-Cobos's continued absence has made things exceedingly awkward recently.

Richard Morrison
The playing of this work was quite splendid, with beguilingly bluesy contributions from the offstage trumpet to "The Pines near a Catacomb" and the solo clarinet in the third movement, and a mighty finale in which the orchestra even drowned the full organ.

Martin Cropper
BEFORE THE THEATRE
AFTER THE THEATRE
OR WHENEVER
THE MOOD
TAKES YOU

Brighter than any
Neo-surrealist extravagance in *Onsime et le chameau*

vertical monopolies that embraced manufacture of raw materials, production of films, distribution and exhibition.

and the absurd catastrophes that befell him, Chaplin, in a rare moment of modesty, acknowledged Linder as "The Master".

Christie's Week in View
A selection from our 20 sales in London this week.

RPO/Weller
Festival Hall
The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra seemed thoroughly to enjoy this Sunday evening programme of unabashed showpieces and so, to be honest, did I, even if one's professional interests generally dissuade approval of such an assembly of easy winners.

Stephen Pettitt
Such an ability is vital in a piece like Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony if its elegance as well as its moments of extrovert panache are to be adequately conveyed.

Advertisement for The Restaurant at Sheraton Park Tower, featuring a photo of a dining room and text about the restaurant's location and service.

Advertisement for Neil Simon's 'Triumphant' Brighton Beach Memoirs, featuring a large stylized title and promotional text.

Advertisement for Christie's Week in View, listing various art sales including travel books, textiles, and decorative arts.

Advertisement for various art sales including Byzantine coins, ancient banknotes, and decorative arts.

Large advertisement for Neil Simon's 'Triumphant' Brighton Beach Memoirs at the National Theatre, including box office information and showtimes.

Advertisement for Christie's Week in View, detailing specific art sales and contact information for the auctioneer.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

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BHP buys into Elders

The battle for Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest company, took another strange twist yesterday when BHP announced details of an A\$1.2 billion (£600 million) agreement with Elders DXL to buy up to 20 per cent of Elders' capital.

Hospital site stake sold

The Department of Health and Social Security has sold its part of the St George's Hospital site at London's Hyde Park Corner to a mystery buyer.

Boustead loss

Boustead's 1985 profits have been hit by the tin crisis and problems on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

Govett terms

Govett Atlantic Investment Trust and Govett Enterprise Investment Trust have agreed terms for a merger through a scheme of arrangement.

Highland lift

Highland Distillers lifted profits from £4.47 million to £5.03 million before tax in the six months to February 28, 1986.

New owner

Citicorp Investment Bank yesterday moved to 100 per cent ownership of Springour Vickers, the stockbroker.

'No' to firm

Pegler-Hattersley, the industrial holding company, rejected the £178 million bid from F H Tomkins saying it had no industrial or commercial merit.

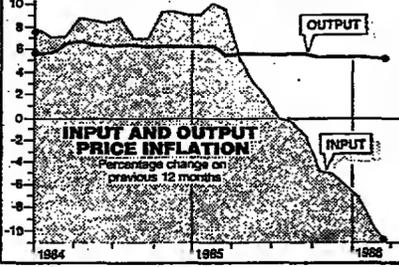
No referral

The proposed merger of Allianz AG Holding and Cornhill Insurance will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Rising wage costs push up manufactured goods prices

By Richard Thomson

Rising wage costs over the year to the end of March caused a further increase in the prices of manufactured goods despite the biggest fall in industry's raw material and fuel costs for nearly 30 years, according to government figures published yesterday.



Input prices paid by industry for fuel and materials dropped by 10.9 per cent over the 12 months to March, compared with a decline of 9.4 per cent for February. It is the ninth month in succession that input prices have fallen and almost matches the level reached in the late 1950s when the reopening of the Suez Canal helped to push down the cost of raw material imports.

was therefore much greater, officials said.

The sharp fall in input costs for March was caused partly by a seasonal decline in electricity costs and the DTI said this was also likely to affect the April result. Another factor was the fall in the price of oil products, such as heating oil and diesel.

The cost of raw material imports declined as the pound strengthened against other currencies, rising by 0.4 per cent against a basket of currencies over the year to March, compared with a fall of 3.3 per cent in February.

Against the dollar, sterling strengthened by 2.7 per cent during March, compared with 0.7 per cent in the previous month. These factors were offset only partly by higher prices of domestically produced food. Apart from rising wage costs, about one third of the increase in output prices was attributable to changes in tobacco duties introduced in the Budget.

Saatchi asks for £406m

By Richard Lander

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency and business services group whose clients include the Conservative Party and British Airways, made a £406 million rights call on its shareholders yesterday, signalling its intention to continue growing through acquisitions.

The size of the issue, the third biggest equity rights issue in Britain yet and four times as large as Saatchi's last rights call 12 months ago, takes the company's market capitalization to around £850 million and will enable it to purchase groups far bigger than it has been doing so far.

The company is thought to have identified targets for about £100 million of the rights money. The first purchase was also identified yesterday as the New York-based advertising agency, Backer and Spivogel, which has annual billings of \$400 million.

Saatchi said yesterday it was aiming to become market leader and capture a 10 per cent share in each field in which it operates, from advertising to public relations and marketing.

For the year to September 30 Saatchi now expects earnings per share to rise by 20 per cent from last year's 45p and an increase in pretax profits from £40.5 million to at least £67.9 million.

The underwritten issue is being made on a seven-for-eight basis to ordinary shareholders and is also extended to holders of the convertible preference shares issued in last year's rights call.

McKechnie 'no' to Evered offer

By Cliff Feltham

In a sudden change of direction, the fast-expanding Evered engineering group yesterday launched a takeover bid worth £17 million for McKechnie Brothers, a beleaguered Midlands metals and plastics group, as the stock market wondered whether it was ready to pounce on the industrial conglomerate TI.

McKechnie, which has only just beaten off an assault by Williams Holdings, rejected the offer by Evered, run by brothers Osman and Raschid Abdullah.

Mr Osman Abdullah admitted the bid was opportunistic. "We have been watching the company for some time. The two businesses would make a great fit. It was only when Williams withdrew that we decided to make our move. If Williams decides to come back we are quite prepared to make a fight of it."

Mr Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams Holdings, said: "I thought that since we pulled out McKechnie has looked vulnerable, so I am not surprised at the bid. We are watching the situation with great interest."

Evered, capitalized at £35 million and with 3,500 employees, is tackling a company with more and with a workforce of 6,000. It is offering a straight share swap - four of its own for five McKechnie, valuing them at 268p each. In the stock market last night McKechnie closed at 275p, up 53p on the day, indicating the prospects of a counter-offer.

Mr Osman Abdullah said a meeting had been arranged with the McKechnie's chairman, Dr Jim Butler, for today. However, Dr Butler was firmly opposed to the bid last night. "I do not think that the Abdullahs' certain brand of magic would work here," he said.

Meanwhile, Evered is continuing to play its cat and mouse game with TI, the Raleigh bicycles and Creda cooker concern, of which it controls 20 per cent.

Imperial backs bid by Hanson

By Alison Eadie

The board of Imperial Group yesterday recommended shareholders to accept the £2.8 billion bid from Hanson Trust, after the failure of the preferred bid from United Biscuits last Friday.

Hanson Trust announced it had secured 30 per cent acceptance, taking its control to 44 per cent. Its offer has been extended until Friday.

Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson Trust, met Mr Geoffrey Kent, chairman of Imperial, yesterday to discuss the future management structure and policies of Imperial. It has been agreed that Hanson Trust representatives will join the Imperial board on Hanson's offer becoming unconditional.

United Biscuits yesterday placed its 14.9 per cent stake in Imperial in the market at 338p to give a gross profit of around £20 million, enough to cover all its bid costs.

Imperial's price came back in the stock market to close yesterday at 345p, down 18p. Hanson Trust shares also closed 8p to 177p. The sale of Golden Wonder, Imperial's crisps and snacks division, to Dalgety for £60 million now looks certain to fail. The sale was conditional upon United Biscuits winning the bid. Dalgety said yesterday it was still interested, but Hanson does not have any plans to sell.

Woolworth sell-off

Woolworth is selling its 12 edge-of-town Woolco supermarkets to the Dec Corporation food group for £26 million. Dec intends to convert them into Carrefour hypermarkets.

Mr Geoff Mulcahy, the Woolworth chief executive, said the sale was not linked with the takeover bid from Dixons. Woolco was in the grocery and adult clothing areas which Woolworth had decided to leave. The stores, which employ 3,000, are at Bournemouth, Cumbernauld, Cwmbran, Hatfield, Killingworth, Livingston, Middleton, Newtownards, Oadby, Sheffield, Thornaby and Washington.

Yen has risen far enough, says Japanese minister

From David Smith Tokyo

A further sharp rise in the yen would cause serious difficulties for the Japanese economy, Mr Noboru Takeshita, the finance minister, said yesterday. He added that he had not faced direct calls for a yen appreciation at last week's IMF meetings in Washington, and that stability of exchange rates was now the most important goal.

In an interview with a small group of foreign journalists, Mr Takeshita said that the environment was right for lower interest rates in Japan and the United States, but that the timing of reductions was the responsibility of the central banks of the two countries.

Trade was beginning to feel the effects of the yen's rise, the finance minister said. Export volume was down on a year ago and import volume was recovering. He refused to be drawn on the question of how soon the \$60 billion (£40 billion) trade surplus was likely to start to decline.

Mr Takeshita is a key figure in Japanese politics and one of three candidates to succeed Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone as prime minister in the autumn. He made it clear that whether finance minister or leader, he is keen to reform Japan's tax system, and in particular the tax concessions available on small savings.

"The major topic for next year, and it has to be dealt with," he said. However, he gave a warning that tax reforms alone might not be sufficient to reduce the saving ratio in Japan, currently around 20 per cent of income.

Four other factors contribute to this high saving ratio, he said. Japanese people save because it is a tradition drummed into them by their parents, to provide private education for their children, to provide for old age, and because the Japanese system of bonus payments for employees encourages living on regular income, and saving the bonus.

Mr Takeshita is a fiscal conservative, unlike one of his challengers for the leadership of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Mr Kiuchi Miyazawa. Mr Miyazawa, a former minister of finance, argues that maturing long-term debt should be refinanced, providing room for fiscal manoeuvre.

Mr Takeshita made it clear that he will pursue the Nakasone line of eliminating dependency on deficit-financing bonds by 1990. "The current fiscal climate is loose; we must tighten it," he said. "We must not engage in any new deficit financing."

He considered the forthcoming economic summit in Tokyo unlikely to result in a new initiative for an international monetary conference aimed at restoring semi-fixed exchange rates.

"This matter was taken up at the Williamsburg summit. I do not think that the establishment of an international monetary conference will be decided in Tokyo."

The official Japanese position on monetary reform is in line with the report of the Group of Ten, which came out against the concept of semi-fixed, or target zones, for currencies.

"I think that the stabilization of the foreign exchange rate can only be had as a result of coordinated economic policy," Mr Takeshita said. The finance ministers of the seven summit countries would be meeting to discuss the improved prospects for world growth without inflation, he added, along with the need for mutual surveillance.

Mr Takashita, Mr Miyazawa and the third contender for the LDP leadership, Mr Shintaro Abe, the foreign minister, have begun to campaign subtly for power. Mr Takeshita faces the problem of explaining to businessmen that the yen's rise was necessary.

He said that on Sunday he had visited ceramics manufacturers who all complained of the great difficulty they had in securing contracts at a yen rate of 180 to the dollar. "As the rate of the yen has gone up, my popularity has gone down," he observed.

In March, exports in dollar terms were up by 24.1 per cent on a year earlier. But in volume, they were down by 2.1 per cent and in yen terms by 14.2 per cent. The effects of Mr Nakasone's economic package will come through strongly from the summer onwards, Mr Takeshita said, with public sector capital spending, a rise in housing starts and the June reduction in gas and electricity prices all boosting domestic demand.

Calculations by Japan's economic planning agency suggest that the package will boost the growth rate by 0.7 points in fiscal 1986, to meet targeted growth of 4 per cent.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Right and wrongs in the Distillers case

It is conceivable, just, that a small number of investing institutions which would not normally consider themselves gullible might allow themselves to be misled into taking the inferior Argyll offer for Distillers. As sober trustees of other people's savings, they ought not to be tempted into error by the smooth skills of Saatchi & Saatchi, Argyll's hidden persuaders and the sales pitch of James Gulliver himself, Argyll's genial mastermind.

All three may be admired for their extreme professionalism but there is too much at stake in the bidding for Distillers to be left to artful advertising and clever public relations. If Distillers - still a major company and the core of the Scotch whisky industry despite its appalling record of mismanagement - is to be revitalized and made a dominant, and profitable, international force, it needs to be taken over by a group with the resources and will to do it.

While no one would deny that Jimmy Gulliver has shown his capacity for financial management and his ability to develop profitable, downmarket retailing businesses, Argyll simply does not have the structure, the experience or the people to make the most of the Distillers' opportunity.

Guinness undoubtedly has these qualities. While Argyll would not doubt put up a dazzling short-term performance should it acquire Distillers, that is not the issue that should concern the institutions, nor for that matter, the private shareholders. Any shareholder who wanted a profitable ride should have got off the stock market roundabout by now.

Argyll's offer, worth last night 744.6p per Distillers share compared with the best Guinness offer of 775.81p, is due to close tomorrow, although it might be extended to Friday, the closing day for the Guinness bid. In the closing stages of what has been a bitterly fought

contest, Argyll has sought to conceal its lack of a credible strategy for the development of Distillers' businesses in two ways: it has repeatedly attempted to rubbish the positive case Guinness has put to the institutions and it has, belatedly, claimed through advertisements that it does have a record in international drinks marketing. The claim is not to be taken seriously.

Argyll's merchant banking advisers, Samuel Montagu and Charterhouse Japhet, have also indulged in unprecedented buying of Argyll shares in order to sustain the price and thus the advertised value of Argyll's offer for Distillers. They have also, it appears, sold Guinness shares short in an endeavour to undermine the worth of the rival bid. Neither tactic should commend itself to the fund managers and those who sit in judgement over them.

Argyll and Mr Gulliver's closest supporters are now under serious pressure, as yesterday's market response to the announcement of more large buying of Argyll shares by Montagu and Charterhouse indicated. They realize that both the arithmetic of acceptances, the scope for further buying of Distillers shares in the market by each side and the mood among serious investors and independent brokers which favours Guinness, all make it impossible for Argyll to win.

The reponsibility of all Distillers shareholders, especially the institutions, from the Prudential down, is clear. The Argyll bid must fail, preferably tomorrow, certainly by Friday.

Doubts over share prices

The extremely sharp rise in stock market prices - around a fifth in February and March - followed by the recent profit-taking, has enabled analysts of a more cautious frame of mind to peep out of the closet again. And not a moment too soon. It is not simply that a bull market in shares lasting virtually a full decade defies experience and must end sometime.

For the stock market, there are more pressing questions of short-term movements before the trend actually reverses. One sign of caution noted by Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew has been some switching by institutions from shares to index-linked government stocks.

The other way of testing how expensive shares are is to compare the behaviour of the average price/earnings ratio. Those on industrial shares have been accelerating to nearly 17. Nicholas Knight and John Mant of James Capel have looked

back to previous periods of high share ratings and do not draw confidence from the comparison. Ratings topped 20 in 1968-69 and 1972, but they were the peaks of bull markets which subsequently slumped savagely.

In the earlier boom periods, short-term interest rates were much lower (though rising where they could fall today). The James Capel team thinks the bulls are only likely to push ratings up to those earlier peaks if real interest rates really do fall back to pre-1973 levels. Otherwise, they think the immediate political and economic uncertainties are far greater today despite the apparent conquest of inflation.

To bring shares back back to an average 13.5 times earnings in a year's time would require only a modest 7 per cent drop in British share prices. But that would take a lot of steam out of a mature bull market.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table with columns for Stock Market, New York, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, Hang Kong, etc. Values include 1790.57 (+0.48), 15396.76 (+70.38), 1785.45 (+1.24), etc.

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Oppenheimer Unit Trust statistics for the year to 1st April. Table showing Trust, Percentage increase in value, Position and total number in sector. Includes text: 'Above we show the performance of our ten unit trusts, 5 of which are in the top 50 of all 739 authorised unit trusts.' and contact info: 'For further details call 01-489 1078. Or write to: Oppenheimer, 66 Cannon Street, EC4V 6AE.'

WALL STREET

New York (agencies) - Prices opened higher in moderately active trading yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average edged forward by 0.74 points to 1,790.92 soon after trading started.

Advances outnumbered declines by 503 to 425 among the 1,376 issues crossing the NYSE tape.

On Friday, the market finished mostly lower in active trading. The industrial average slipped by 4.12 to 1,790.18.

Growing worries of a confrontation between the US and Libya offset expectations of a cut in the discount rate and enthusiasm over IBM's first-quarter earnings report.

The average last spent most of Friday morning at modestly higher levels.

Table with columns for Date, Index, and Change. Includes Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various market indices.

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TEMPUS

Demerger tempts with cash on the table

Now that there is cash on the table, what looked like a joke offer by Demerger Corporation (what?) for Extel takes on a more business-like appearance. The cash alternative of 400p per share is 10p above the present market price.

direction, and will be just as effective if they are independent. When it comes to raising capital, if they are at all successful, they should have no difficulty.

With plenty of scope for growth, profits are likely to continue their steady rise. But for the moment earnings per share are being held back by a rising tax charge.

Highland Distilleries

Highland Distilleries is about to move from the wings to the stock market's centre stage. After the takeover of Arthur Bell last year and the virtual certainty that Distillers will lose its independence in the next few days, Highland will be the biggest independent whisky company, offering shareholders a direct investment in the industry.

John Govett

Rationalization of the investment trust sector is proceeding apace ahead of big bang. Yesterday, John Govett announced the agreed merger of two trusts under its management.

Change to investor Bill sought

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs confirmed yesterday that he would seek to reverse the amendment to the Financial Services Bill which makes the securities and Investments Board the sole body to which the powers of regulation of investment businesses can be delegated.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Saatchi issue hits shares

A big funding operation by Saatchi & Saatchi, combined with the uncertain situation in the Middle East, gave a rather unsettled start to the new account yesterday.

Engineers were stimulated by the Evered bid for McKechnie, which recently fought off an approach from Williams Holdings. McKechnie closed 56p higher at 278p, with Evered up 8p to 336p.

reporting next week, lost 12p to 462p. Amstrad climbed 40p to 592p, after weekend comment on its US expansion plans.

IC Gas, still hoping for a bid from Petrofina, added 8p to 421p, while Petroluem jumped 21p to 72p, also on speculative interest.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, SFF (125p), and RIGHTS ISSUES. Lists various companies and their share prices.

Mercury to undercut BT by up to 20%

Telephone users were yesterday promised a cheaper and better quality service by Mercury Communications, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary licensed by the Government to challenge British Telecom's monopoly.

Rolls-Royce aero engine orders soar

British Airways, Qantas, and Cathay Pacific, another 200 Tay engines for the Gulfstream IV business jet, and 535 engines for British Airways and the Royal Nepal Airlines.

At the moment the SIB is the only designated agency charged with the task of securing the reversal of the amendment which explicitly names the SIB in the Bill.

Advertisement for Laing & Cruickshank, a stockbroker. Includes logo and text: 'More than just a Stockbroker'.

Advertisement for BASE LENDING RATES. Lists various banks and their interest rates.

Large advertisement for Guinness PLC. Features the text 'THE GUINNESS BID FOR DISTILLERS. LATEST PRICES.' and 'Distillers share price worth 720p'.

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Third World lined up for metal mastery

Any suggestion that the outlook for metal prices is brighter could easily invite ridicule, and care is needed in these matters. After six critically depressing years during which real prices touched possibly their lowest ever, optimism in the industry is at a premium. Yet the omens are better than Delphic.

London Metal Exchange copper, aluminium and zinc all recovered in the first quarter of this year from the despond of the previous three months. Against that, nickel has barely held steady and lead has performed like the proverbial balloon composed of that material. Tin, which of course was expelled from the LME in disgrace, is in a class of its own.

But all wisdom, as we know, does not reside in the LME. Phelps Dodge has lived to fight another day, and last week's figures from Rio Tinto-Zinc prove that not every mining company is in dire straits.

World economic activity was looking dependable, if not exhilarating, and has been given a shot in the arm by the extraordinary collapse of oil prices. Partly as a result, the prospect for inflation and interest rates is promising.

So there is now a respectable case for arguing that it is not a matter of whether metal prices will rise, but when — or rather, when the fact will be broadly accepted. That will

take care of itself, although it is worth entering the caveat that a boom is unlikely. What will be less obvious is the consequences of a general rise in metal prices.

One important consequence, it is said, will be an acceleration of the drift of mineral production, smelting, refining and even fabrication from developed industrial countries to developing and industrializing competitors. These thoughts are prompted by a publication from the Group of Thirty written by that veteran of metal booms and busts, Sir Roderick Carnegie, chairman of CRA.

Sir Roderick points out that, between 1965 and 1980, developing countries increased their share of world metal production of copper, iron ore and nickel. Their shares of lead and zinc were fairly static. Only bauxite fell. But, peering into the next decade, the trend will be reversed. Developing countries will hold on to their market shares in lead, zinc and bauxite, and strengthen their grip on copper, iron ore and nickel.

This pattern implies that the developed world's mining industry is in secular decline, the chief victim being the United States. The exceptions are Australia and Canada, on which much exploration investment has been concentrated, even during the slump, mainly for political reasons.

Percentage shares in total mine production (tons of contained metal) by economic regions

	Actual			Projected					
	1985	1980	1985	1985	1980	1985			
	I	D	CP	I	D	CP			
Copper	39	45	16	31	49	20	25	51	24
Lead	46	34	21	45	33	21	43	35	22
Zinc	57	27	16	60	28	12	51	29	20
Iron ore	44	29	27	34	38	28	26	42	30
Bauxite	16	67	17	34	55	11	32	56	12
Nickel	70	9	21	47	30	23	40	37	22

I = Industrial development
D = Developing economies
CP = Centrally planned economies
Source = Adapted from World Bank

Minerals are an important economic sector in these countries, but they could be hard pressed to compete with developing countries whose wages are lower and whose companies may be publicly owned. About 70 per cent of copper production in developing countries, for example, is state controlled.

The trend away from developed to developing countries is also evident in metal production or smelting, as distinct from mining raw material. Over the 20 years to 1980 the developing countries' share of copper smelting rose from 23 to 34 per cent. The comparable figures for aluminium, zinc and steel were between 6 and 20 per cent, between 14 and 23 per cent and between 11 and 24 per cent respectively. Overall, about a third of Western

smelting capacity is in developing countries.

As production shifts so will trade. Trade now in copper ore and metal is essentially from the developing to the developed worlds. With aluminium business it is mainly between developed countries. Iron ore is mixed because the biggest exporters are Australia, Brazil and Canada. But two factors are likely to increase the developing countries' share of trade.

The obvious one is that these countries will become bigger producers. But, paradoxically, they will also become bigger consumers. Just as one of the major changes in the pattern of world trade has been more traffic between developing countries, so a higher proportion of developing countries' minerals and metals output will go to other

countries at a similar stage of development.

The argument is borne out by the developing countries' rising share of consumption. Take aluminium, the modern metal. Between 1960 and 1982 demand in developed countries grew by an average 5.6 per cent a year, while in developing countries it went up almost twice as quickly.

The outcome was that over the same period the developing countries' share of aluminium consumption jumped from 5.4 per cent to more than 12 per cent.

It is true that the old relationship between growth in gross national product and metals consumption has broken down. Technological advances, energy efficiency, materials substitution and the decline of manufactured goods (especially metal goods) as a proportion of GNP, have taken their toll.

To some extent, the same forces are working in developing countries. Nevertheless, the much faster growth rates of the developing economies at a lower absolute level of development will continue to push up their share of world metal output and trade.

Higher metal prices will be critical to the process. They will encourage developing countries to procure more of the value added, for example, by undertaking more smelting and refining and even fabrication (aluminium components

are a favourite), promoting exploration which would only be profitable at much higher prices in developed countries, and providing the incentive to expand output from mines which already enjoy the lowest marginal costs (Chilean copper is the compelling instance).

If such a process does emerge, it could have two further intriguing consequences. The first would be the appearance of Third World companies, perhaps to rival the Western mining giants. By no means all of developing country production will be in the hands of Western multi-nationals.

Who is prepared to bet that South Africa's great mining houses will not have a change of owners, forcibly or otherwise, by the mid-1990s?

The second consequence could be the start of metal markets in developing and metal-producing countries. Why should they continue to price their output on COMEX or the LME? The presence of these exchanges in London and New York at least partially reflects a world that has either passed or is passing. A thriving Brazilian futures market would, indeed, set the cat among the pigeons. But then care is needed.

Outlook for Mineral Commodities, by R H Carnegie, Group of Thirty, New York, 1986.

Michael Prest

Savage burglaries deserve severe sentences

Regina v O'Driscoll (James) Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Russell and Mr Justice Farquharson (Judgment delivered April 14)

The need to protect elderly and old people living alone who were increasingly selected by burglars for savage, sadistic, cruel and greedy attacks for stealing, was emphasised by the Lord Chief Justice when giving judgment dismissing an appeal against a 15-year prison sentence.

The appeal was brought by James O'Driscoll, aged 43, who was sentenced last October at Bristol Crown Court by the late Mr Justice Tudor Price on conviction of attempted burglary, robbery and causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

Mr J. C. Rees, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, with a co-accused named Gareth Farr, had been drinking and attempted to burgle a house in Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

The appellant smashed a pane of glass but was unable to open the door and both men returned to the appellant's car.

Later that evening the two called at the home of the victim, Frank Logan, aged about 80. Rumsay, the appellant pushed his way in demanding to know "Where's the money?" and hitting Mr Logan repeatedly with a hammer on his head, shoulders and his injured leg.

Mr Logan told the appellant where to find a wallet containing £50. The co-accused fetched the wallet.

The appellant then began hitting Mr Logan again on the head, body and leg and said: "Come on where's the rest of the money?"

Mr Logan answered: "There's no more, just kill me and get it over with."

The appellant said: "Don't worry I can do that as well." He also held a lighted gas poker to Mr Logan's face.

The co-accused ripped out the telephone wires and both men tied up Mr Logan with wire and gagged him with a towel. They then left, taking with them the money, a leather jacket and other items.

It was not until 6 o'clock the following morning that Mr Logan was discovered by a neighbour. He was taken to hospital where X-rays showed his skull to be fractured and his right leg had been fractured.

In sentencing the appellant, the late Mr Justice Tudor Price said that the attack was murderous in his view. The appellant knew the victim was old and defenceless and that his house had been chosen for that very reason and he had been subjected to torture so that the appellant could make him reveal where his money was. The offence called for very severe punishment. That kind of conduct, unfortunately, was not rare when a man was found behaving as the appellant had behaved and leaving "that poor old gentleman in a wheelchair for the rest of his life" society had to call for punishment and for the protection of old people.

The Lord Chief Justice said that it seemed to their Lordships that the remarks made by Mr Justice Tudor Price were fully justified.

Not only in his experience, but in the experience of their Lordships' court, there was an increasing tendency for burglars to select as victims elderly or old people living on their own. It was plain why.

First, they were not likely to offer very much resistance and the chances were that they had not inconsiderable sums of money concealed in their home which the burglars would be enabled to steal.

Consequently it seemed to their Lordships that, in cases such as the present, where thugs selected old people living alone as victims and attacked them in their own homes and then tortured them and over and over again their valuables in such a savage fashion, then that was the sort of sentence which they could expect, whatever had happened in past cases.

One hoped that that, in so far as lay in the power of their Lordships' court, might have some effect in protecting these old folk from such savage, sadistic, cruel and greedy attacks.

Whatever might be the circumstances surrounding the appellant or his record, it had to be made clear that this sort of attack would attract that sort of sentence.

When councils should be encouraged to invoke wardship

In re L. H. (a Minor) Before Mr Justice Sheldon (Judgment given April 14)

Local authorities should be encouraged to resort to the wardship jurisdiction for judicial help in cases of difficulty, complexity, possible notoriety or where a stalemate had been reached.

Mr Justice Sheldon so held in the Family Division when giving reasons in open court for refusing to dismiss wardship proceedings initiated by Surrey County Council relating to a boy aged eight. The parents had sought to have the wardship proceedings dismissed.

Mr S.C. Russell Flint for the local authority, Mr Alastair Pitblado for the parents.

MR JUSTICE SHELDON said that the boy was born in July 1978 and had been in the care of the local authority since August 1984. The parents both suffered from mental problems which had meant that both had been in hospital on occasions.

On December 14, 1984 the authority had assumed parental rights by a resolution which had been confirmed by a juvenile court. The authority had decided that it would be in the best interests of the boy if adopted and on August 9, 1985 all access by the parents had been terminated.

That access had consisted of one short visit a fortnight.

By that decision the parents had the right to apply to the juvenile court for an access order under section 12C of the Child Care Act 1980, as inserted by Schedule 1 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983, and in November the juvenile court granted the mother an order for access at times to be agreed between the council and the mother and to take place on neutral ground where possible.

The local authority had been invited to appear to the High Court but on further reflection, supported by the view of a child psychiatrist that access between the boy and the parents was not beneficial, the authority decided that in the best interests of the child the proper procedure would be to subordinate their parental rights to the wardship jurisdiction and invite the judge to decide all the questions relating to the child's future.

In the meantime the authority agreed that the parents should have access amounting to two hours every six weeks.

The parents now sought to have the originating summons struck out on the grounds that the summons was an abuse of the powers of the court or that the child should cease to be a ward of court as the juvenile court was seized of the matter under the provisions of the Child Care Act 1980.

The parents' case was the converse of *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363).

It was submitted by Mr Pitblado first, that where a local authority had been entrusted by Parliament with the power and duty to make decisions as to the welfare of children there was an obligation to exercise that power without recourse to wardship proceedings save in strictly limited circumstances; and second,

that the wardship jurisdiction should not be invoked where Parliament had provided the juvenile or some other court with adequate powers with which to deal with the situation, particularly if there had already been recourse to that jurisdiction. He argued that the powers of the local authority were not inadequate and the wardship jurisdiction should not have been invoked.

His Lordship said that it could not be said to be interference with the decision of a local authority if that authority was inviting the High Court to make the decision in question.

His Lordship agreed with the observations of Mr Justice Dunn in *In re D* ([1977] Fam 159, 166) that "far from local authorities being discouraged from applying to court in wardship... they should be encouraged to do so".

It was significant and in his Lordship's opinion to be applauded — particularly in the current climate of public concern over the welfare of children — that local authorities had been turning to the High Court for help in cases of difficulty, complexity, possible notoriety or where a stalemate had been reached.

Accordingly the first submission was rejected.

In support of the second submission reliance had been placed on the decision of the Court of Appeal in *In re M* ([1985] Fam 60).

In that case there were passages which, taken in isolation, suggested that wardship jurisdiction was not to be invoked if the juvenile court had adequate powers to deal with the situation.

Those passages should not be taken out of context and were not authority either for the proposition that the fact that a lower court had been given adequate powers to deal with problems relating to the upbringing of a child should exclude the wardship jurisdiction; or for the proposition that the local authority was precluded from the wardship jurisdiction because the jurisdiction of the lower court had been invoked.

In the present case there were strong reasons for the court in exercising its discretion in wardship proceedings.

The juvenile court had delayed and rendered the task of finding suitable adoptive parents far more difficult. In addition, the ambiguity and uncertainties of the access order raised doubts whether the juvenile court appreciated the issues and what would happen in the future.

Those doubts justified a lack of confidence in that particular tribunal.

The child would remain a ward of court.

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Correction

In *National Westminster Bank plc v Riley* the solicitors for the defendant were Roland Robinsons & Featons, Blackpool, acting through their London agents Allan Jay & Co.

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On 14 April 1986, the stockbrokers W. Greenwell became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Samuel Montagu and thus a member of the Midland Bank Group. The name of the company has been changed to Greenwell Montagu and Co.

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APPOINTMENTS

Burchell to be Burmah Oil Exploration chief

Burmah Oil Exploration: Mr Michael Burchell has been named as chief executive and managing director.

National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting: Mr Jim Fallon has been made chairman.

Hill Samuel & Co: Mr Peter J Donald has been named as a director.

Howden Group: Mr A B R Cheek has become deputy managing director, and Mr J N Allison has joined the board. Abbey: Mr Peter Barington Meyer has been named as a non-executive director.

The Burton Group: Mr David Carrell has been made personnel director, financial services.

Logica: Mr Graham Moore is to be finance director. Bowater Zenith Windows: Mr Michael Rigby has become marketing director, Mr Graham Medcroft personnel director, Mr John Ward financial director and Mr Chris Dix production director.

Torvac Processing Group: Mr Geoff Streets has become marketing director.

Burston-Marsteller UK: Mr Jean Miller, Mr John Birch, Mr Tim Foster, Mr John Fowler, Miss Jane Lyons and Mr Bill Quirke have joined the board.

I P Sharp Associates: Mr Bernard Barnett has been named as European managing director.

Mowlem Property Developments: Mr Norman Hansom has been made a director.

Household Mortgage Corporation: Mr Dennis Young has been appointed managing director and chief executive. Mr Maxwell Packs has been made executive director, finance, Mr John Robertson executive director, mortgage operations, and Mr Robert Weir executive director, treasury services.

Manders (Holdings): Mr Ray King has become deputy



Graham Moore



Norman Hansom

COMPANY NEWS

● WITWATERSRAND NIGEL: Figures in '000. Revenue for quarter to March 31 7381 (£779 for quarter to December 31). Profit before tax £210 (162). Directors expect that recovered grade will be at least as maintained in current quarter, though plans are made for an improvement. Despite the lower gold price of £22.000 a further satisfactory increase in gold production and profits is anticipated.

● AIRFLOW STREAM-LINES: Directors say they are aware of substantial rise in company's shares, but that they know of no reason for it.

● CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS: Final dividend 3.2p, making 4.2p for 1985 (3.5). Figures in '000. Profit on ordinary activities before tax £204 (174). Earnings per share basic 10.94p (8.22), adjusted 10.47p (8.22). It is proposed to raise about £6.59 million net by a rights issue of 3,334,509 new ordinary shares at 20.5p on one-for-four basis.

● MICROFILM REPROGRAPHICS: Company has entered into conditional agreement to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of FDS Microforms Holdings for £4.25 million, financed by a vendor placing.

● SHERWOOD COMPUTER SERVICES: Results for 1985. Dividend 2p, making 3p (2.75p forecast). Figures in '000. Profit before tax 636 (330). Earnings per share 12.1p (6.6). Figures include a contribution to profits of £36,000 from Sherwood Computer.

● INTERNATIONAL GROUP: All conditions of the merger of Mercury Securities, Akroyd and Smithers, Rowe and Pitman and Mullens and Co have been satisfied or, where appropriate,

waived, and the merger has been implemented.

● ASSOCIATED BOOK PUBLISHERS: Company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire Crown Helm, a specialist academic book publisher, for £3.5million — £2.48m in cash and the balance by the issue to the vendors of 473,913 new ordinary shares.

● FITZWILTON: Company has agreed terms for the disposal of its subsidiary, Crowe Wilson and Co, to Capitan Investment. Fitzwilton owns 20.45 per cent of Capitan's ordinary share capital. The consideration is £1.1 million, representing the discharge of inter-company balances and the realization of investments.

● J DEWHIRST HOLDINGS: Final dividend 0.82p, making 1.1p. Figures in '000. Pretax profit for 53 weeks to January 17, 3,304 (4,007). Profit after tax 3,498 (2,644). Earnings per share 3.69p (4.28). Scrip issue of one-for-five ordinary proposed.

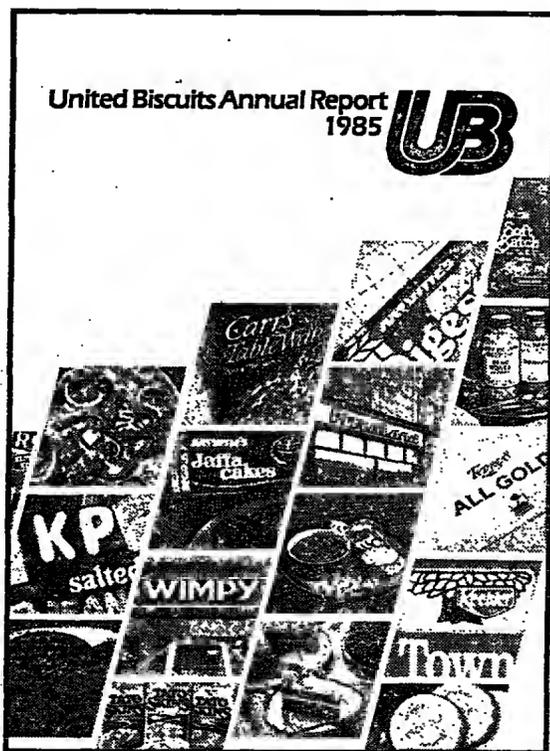
● BOC GROUP: Holders of £21 million of the 9 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 2001/06 took the opportunity last month to convert into ordinary shares. A total of 95.5 per cent of the original issue has been converted.

● LAIDLAW GROUP: Final dividend 1.7p, making 2.8p for 1985 (2.5). Figures in '000. Profit on ordinary activities before tax 914 (617). Earnings per share 8.50p (7.20).

● BRITISH DREDGING: Final dividend 3p, making 3p for 1985 (2.5). Figures in '000. Profit before tax 1,653 (1,350). Earnings per share after tax and before extraordinary items 6.20p (5.15).

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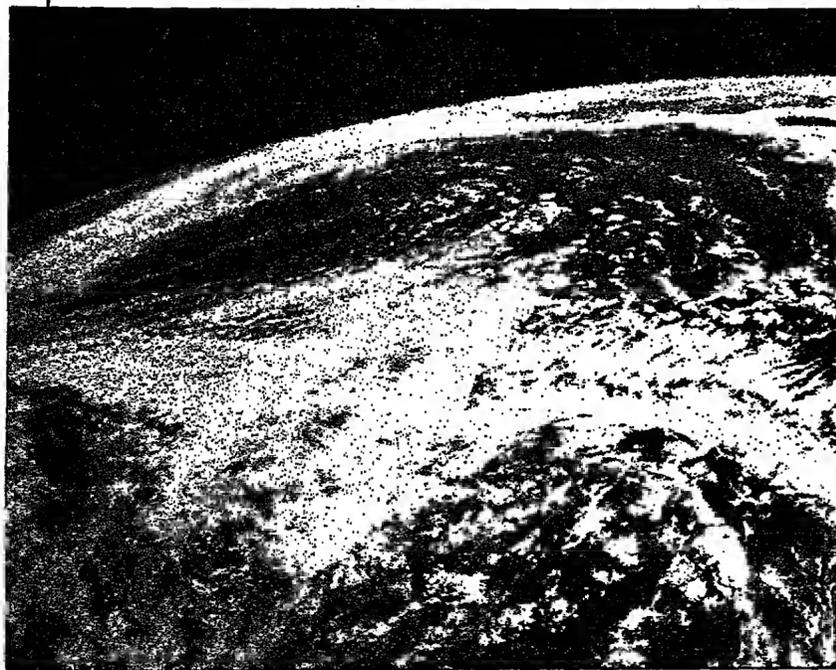
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STATEMENT ON THE 1985 RESULTS BY THE CHAIRMAN THE RT. HON. LORD BARBER.

Profits before taxation of Standard Chartered PLC for the year ended 31 December 1985 amounted to £268 million. The comparable figure for 1984 was £240 million, after restating Standard Bank Investment Corporation Limited (Stanbic) as an associate for that year. The growth in pre-tax profits excluding Stanbic was 25%. Profits after taxation and minority interests amounted to £133 million, compared with £100 million, and the earnings per share increased by 32% to 85.3 pence per share.

An interim dividend of 10.5 pence per share was paid in October and the recommendation of the Board is for a final dividend of 20.0 pence per share. Thus the total payment for the year is 30.5 pence per share, which is covered 2.8 times by earnings.

During 1985 Stanbic ceased to be a subsidiary and became an associate company as a result of its rights issue in which Standard Chartered did not participate; at the year-end the Group shareholding amounted to 43%. Subsequent transactions will have the effect of reducing the Group interest further to 38%. All the 1984 comparative figures have been restated as if Stanbic was an associate also at that time.

Once again exchange rate fluctuations have had a marked effect on earnings as translated into sterling and this year the impact has been adverse as a result of the weakening of the US dollar and of currencies linked to it and the sharp depreciation of the rand. The extent of the impact can be gauged from the fact that, if exchange values had remained constant, £58 million would have been added to pre-tax profits.

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS £1,240 MILLION

Total debt provisions in 1985 amounted to £101 million, compared with £137 million in 1984, partly helped by the strength of sterling and certain provisions no longer required. Welcome improvements were experienced in several business areas which more than offset the well-publicised problems in Singapore and Hong Kong, and of the tin crisis.

A major objective during 1985 was to strengthen the capital base of the Group, so that Standard Chartered could be seen to be strongly capitalised in comparison with peer banks and to strengthen confidence in our ability to conduct an international banking business in a world full of upsets and uncertainties. This was accomplished without making any direct call on shareholders, following the approval by the Bank of England of a new category of primary capital: undated subordinated notes that are convertible in certain circumstances into preference capital. Standard Chartered undertook four capital market transactions which provided us with US\$1,100 million and £150 million of primary capital. Taken in conjunction with the capital raising and changed shareholding proportion in Stanbic, by the year-end the primary capital ratio stood at 7.6% compared with 5.5% at end 1984.

Meanwhile we continue to examine opportunities to refinance or sell fixed assets in order to release capital funds for our principal business of banking. Towards the end of the year we completed the sale of the former headquarters in Clements Lane for £47 million and preliminary consideration is being given to the sale and leaseback of the Singapore headquarters building as soon as market conditions are favourable.

Total assets employed in the Group were almost unchanged at £28.8 billion, with exchange rate factors offsetting underlying growth.

Our UK-based businesses all had a successful year in 1985, especially the International Banking Division. The UK contribution to total pre-tax profits rose to 45% compared with 19% in 1984. This is in accordance with our strategic objectives and has improved the effective tax rate.

I have already referred to the changed shareholding relationship with Stanbic during 1985, as a result of their own capital strengthening moves. Despite the political and economic situation, Stanbic again achieved record results with a 19% improvement in post-tax earnings to R190 million. The South African contribution to Group profits declined from 19% to 12%. Following the debt standstill enforced by the South African authorities we have been closely involved in the discussions that were so

ably conducted by Dr. Leutwiler.

Union Bank continued its successful record of progress, with a 6% post-tax profits increase to US\$47 million, although the weakening dollar trimmed the relative profit contribution of North America to the Group total to 16%. In pursuit of our corporate strategy Union Bank has agreed to acquire United Bank of Arizona. This will become operative from the beginning of 1987, in compliance with Arizona state legislation.

In Australia we were duly named as one of the international banks to be invited to apply for a full banking licence and much activity has since taken place to reorganise and gear up our existing operations to this end, including establishing a head office in Adelaide, South Australia. In China we now have a network of 6 offices and a co-ordinating administration based in Hong Kong. This reflects the strategic importance being accorded to the development of our historic connection with that country. In Hong Kong we took the important decision to redevelop our regional headquarters building and work will commence during 1986.

CAPITAL RESOURCES £2,784 MILLION

Shareholders will be receiving a special circular giving notice of an extraordinary general meeting to approve an increase in our investment in the Mocatta companies. At the time this statement goes to press the extraordinary general meeting to authorise the transaction has still to be held. However, I should record the Board's view that the proposed increase in our investment in the Mocatta companies to 80% at a cost of approximately US\$118 million fits well with the strategic priorities of the Group and consolidates to substantial subsidiary status a profitable group of billion trading businesses.

The crisis in the international tin market has left behind it some disturbing precedents for all those engaged in international finance. Standard Chartered's direct and indirect exposure was modest, but the wider implications of this disorder around the world have yet to be fully digested. Our Senior Deputy Chairman, Mr. Peter Graham, endeavoured to organise an orderly resolution of the problems created by the inability of the International Tin Council to meet its obligations to the tin market. After four months' energetic negotiations it is sad to record that the 22 government signatories of the International Tin Agreement not only were unable to agree collectively to participate in the proposed solution, but have repudiated their contractual obligations. The attitude of the British government was in honourable contrast to others in actively working for a solution.

TOTAL ASSETS £28,833 MILLION

As a bank with close ties with the developing countries of Africa and Asia, we welcome the new approach to the Third World debt problem which the US Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. James Baker, outlined last September. Although progress in implementation has been slow so far, the proposals have changed the nature of the debate about how to deal with the debt problem and have placed new emphasis on the importance of long-term economic adjustment and growth orientated policies in the debtor countries, policies which this bank has been actively supporting for some time now, not only by its lending policies in Africa and Asia, but also by its close co-operation with the IMF and with the World Bank in various co-financing projects.

Towards the end of 1985 the headquarters of the Group in London was moved from 10 Clements Lane, the former Standard Bank head office, to 38 Bishopsgate where a major redevelopment was undertaken on the site of The Chartered Bank's old head office. We were greatly honoured when Her Majesty The Queen, on 20 March 1986, carried out the official opening of the new building.

In January 1986 we welcomed two new directors to the Board. Mr. John F. Harrigan who has been chairman and chief executive of Union Bank since 1980, and Mr. Philip Robinson, who recently retired as a director of J. Henry Schroder Wagg and who has been a valued adviser for many years.

Sir Clive moves out of the limelight as Amstrad takes the upper hand

High-tech innovators hit upon hard times

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone

Technology Correspondent

The promises made in the Information Technology (IT) Year of 1982 have never been realized. Last week the British computer industry was given a stark reminder of those at golden days and how the climate has changed in four years.

Two examples of the early 1980s high technology euphoria were cable television and home computers. The Information Technology Advisory Panel (ITAP) attached to the Cabinet Office was to be the lobby for the former, while Sir Clive Sinclair was the crusading pioneer of the latter. Both came to grief last week. ITAP was disbanded and Sir De Clive sold his patents to Amstrad.

ITAP had been formed in 1981 by the Cabinet Office which wished to call the experience of experts in high technology fields. Theirs would be the task of producing for the government a policy which would take Britain into the 21st century.

The political momentum was sustained by various industry ministers convinced that Britain could emulate its US partners by creating new electronic companies, run by entrepreneurs. What the Americans had done the British could better.

ITAP was to find itself in the centre of the political arena in 1982 with the publication of a report on cable television. These networks

would not just produce more entertainment, but would be the core of a domestic communications network.

There was however a fundamental flaw in how ITAP was to operate. It was composed of experts from industry, academia and electronics who knew the computer and telecommunications industries and could steer the government in the right direction.

That was the flaw. The government had no intention of being steered in any direction which required commitment to a policy needing grants and financial incentives.

The government was soon to find that the non-political composition of the 6-man ITAP team, none of whom was paid or pursued promotion in the civil service, or politics - could be a dangerous irritant.

The first report had called for action on cable. ITAP soon found that the obvious course which should have been taken by government was not being followed.

But ITAP was not easily diverted from its course and proceeded to sell its message. The inter-departmental rivalry had slowed the political momentum down to a



Sir Clive: Crusading pioneer

crawl, and by 1984, the government's poor commitment and lack of understanding of cable was to result in an appalling decision in the Budget of 1984 - capital allowances were abolished.

The Treasury had made a gigantic mistake. ITAP was to write another report in 1985 laying the blame for the failure of cable at the feet of the Treasury. The mandarins took a dim view of such overt challenges and were influential in preventing the study ever being published.

In the meantime the ITAP specialists were addressing themselves to another question. How to assist Britain in developing information as an industry. The government, one of the biggest sources of data, was encouraged to take the lead.

They responded sluggishly. The industry, frustrated at the bureaucracy, embraced the ITAP message and created the Confederation of Information Communication Industries.

A new report on education in the 21st century is the latest offering from the ITAP stable. It has yet to be delivered to government, and calls for more commitment, expenditure and a top level enquiry into the crisis facing British education. It too will probably be ignored and remain unpublished.

The other promise of the early 1980s was the expansion of home computers. Sir Clive Sinclair, the creator of the British home computer industry, distinguished member of Mensa and a favoured son of Mrs Thatcher, sold his patents for £5 million to the British entrepreneur Alan Sugar, chairman and founder of Amstrad Consumer Electronics.

The world has not heard the last

of Sir Clive Sinclair. He is a dream maker par excellence although one whose confidence has been shaken.

His ideas came in abundance. Digital watches, small flat screen television and miniature calculators were the projects that laid the foundations of a personal empire which was to make Sir Clive a millionaire - at least on paper, by the early eighties.

He was confident and yet vulnerable. His passion for new ideas was so untypically British that a reputation as a maverick, who bucked the system, was soon established. The electronics companies who told him that his ventures would never work, were to eat their words time and time again as Sinclair launched one innovative product after another.

But things started to go badly wrong. Sinclair had always been criticised for his poor management skills. Some products were not selling and others acquired a bad reputation for quality. Had the dream-maker become a dreamer whose visions bore no relation to the real world?

Yet in the high street home computer market Sinclair was king, but he struggled to keep his company afloat. Savage competition - which he had started - did not help, neither did the seasonality of home computer buying.

The world has not seen the end of Sir Clive Sinclair, nor the innovative thinking of ITAP - nor should it. Despite their unfulfilled ambitions Britain needs more like them. They had the guts to have a go.

Sighs of relief as marketeers gain ascendancy

By Geoff Wheelwright

The departure of Sir Clive Sinclair from the mainstream home-computer business last week marks the end of an era in which innovators have had the upper hand over marketeers such as Amstrad's chairman Alan Sugar, the man who now holds the rights to all Sinclair's computer products.

In the last 18 months, the pioneering founders of companies such as Apple, Sinclair Research, Acorn Computers and Commodore have all left the companies they founded to make way for the non-nonsense marketing people who would see the development of any project that did not make money.

For the future of scientific enterprise and intellectual betterment, this may be a sad thing, but for the home-computer industry it must be something of a relief.

The non-stop pace of development which brought us a succession of unsuccessful computers such as the Sinclair QL, the Apple III, the Apple Lisa, the Acorn Electron and the Commodore Plus 4 has now been slowed by a realization that the public wants utility and low prices in its equipment first - and innovation second.

Technology does not have to be state of the art to succeed. The only thing, for example, which is unique about Amstrad's computers is the cost-effective way they are manufactured and marketed. The actual technology is a good four years old.

The list of victims in what could perhaps be termed an inventor shake-out include some of the best-known in the industry. Sir Clive Sinclair

was ousted to make way for Amstrad, Apple's co-founder Steve Jobs moved aside for John Sculley, the former Pepsi executive. Acorn's co-founder, Herman Hauser, left the company to become a research director at parent company Olivetti and Commodore's founder, Jack Tramiel, moved aside for no one.

The latter case is perhaps the only one where somebody with a real head for marketing has left one of the major players. Mr Tramiel left Commodore only to buy - and then head - a reborn Atari Corporation. In the year and a half he has owned it, he has turned it around from being a huge millstone, that was dragging its former owners, Warner, into the corporate mire. It is now a trim concern that no longer loses money.

It may seem laughable for someone to be called successful just because they do not lose money, but in today's home-computer market that is the reality. Sinclair had to sell nearly the entire business just to break even, Acorn rejected last week at a smaller £1.7 million loss and Commodore is still declaring losses that would embarrass an oil sheik.

The only company really making the kind of profits for which the computer business is famous is Amstrad and Alan Sugar, which have consistently confounded the City with impressive returns. In the days which follow the Sinclair exit from home computing, life is likely to be a good deal more boring, but the infamously high mortality rate among new computers is likely to decline. The industry should become a healthier place to work.

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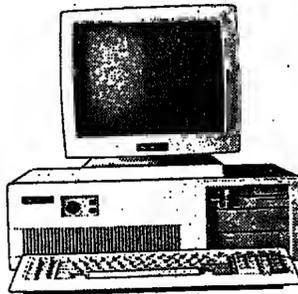
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Alan Sugar of Amstrad: Rights to Sinclair products

Beyond talent, the veteran beats all

JOB SCENE

By Edward Fennell

Software houses have a voracious appetite for talent. The top ones regularly gobble up the best young computer science graduates each year. This maintains a continual supply of fresh intelligence to keep them ahead in a very competitive business.

Raw talent alone, however, isn't enough to provide the solutions and systems which clients want. For a software house to make a convincing bid for a contract in a highly-sophisticated area like retailing, travel or financial services, it has to have experienced people in the team who know their way around the sector. Indeed, they should know it as well, if not better, than the users.

That is why software houses are frequently in the recruitment market for the data processing veterans from their most important client sectors. They are hunting for the kind of person who has years of experience, who has built up a good reputation, and who understands completely the user's needs.

Only once you've got those kinds of people can you go into a pre-contract meeting confident that you're not going to be caught out by some gap in your knowledge.

But what is the incentive for a data processing manager, the secure boss in his or her own bailiwick, to give it all up and take on this kind of role?

"The wide range of projects I get involved in", was the instant answer from Mike Hoare, now a business consultant with Data Logic. But he spent most of his career in retailing, ending up in charge of computing for a major London department store.

"No matter how long I worked in retailing, I would never have gained the breadth

of experience I have now" says Mr Hoare. "The job is more interesting, more satisfying and frankly, it's better paid as well."

"The company was keen to move into the retail sector, and it needed people, like me, who knew the retailing field inside out and could help devise the business strategy as well as help find the solutions to sell to clients."

Of course, Mike Hoare is not alone in having moved from user to software house. Many other software companies have made it a piece of personnel strategy, to attract experienced users to provide the professional backbone to their various sector groups.

"When we think that business is going to take off in a particular sector, we start to recruit those who have experience and contacts in that field," commented Data Logic's Dave Morton. "For example, we've done this kind of special recruitment in areas like financial services, travel, defence, and police, as well as retailing. It is important for software houses like ours, to recognize the point at which we need to strengthen our own resources with some outside expertise."

So for the person who has reached the top with a computer user and is wondering where to go next, a software house could be the answer. Even if you decide to come back to work for users later on, a few years in a prestigious software house could provide just the boost your career needs.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Britain leads way to the 21st century

By Frank Brown

Information technology is in for yet another revolution — thanks to two British inventions, a chip called a Transputer and a software language called Occam.

The two developments are the basis of a new generation of ultra-powerful computers that utilize a technique called parallel processing, sometimes called concurrent processing.

A good example is Oregon-based Floating Point Systems' new range of supercomputers, the biggest of which can carry out as many as 262 thousand million arithmetic operations a second, about 200 times more than the largest computer in use today. In contrast to conventional computers, which process data serially — ie, one task at a time — parallel computers process several different parts of a task simultaneously, often millions at a time, by using a number of processing elements linked together.

This ability to process large volumes of data at high speed makes parallel processors suitable for large-scale scientific applications such as weather forecasting and seismic research and equally complex engineering tasks, such as aircraft design, project modelling and process simulation.

Though parallel processing offers greater processing power, its very design makes it more complex and difficult to program, a problem being how best to link the processors to carry out a given application efficiently.

Such inter-linking patterns are called topologies, and determine the complexity of the arithmetic and data manipulations that can be carried out.

● Miles Chesney of Meiko — the developers of a new type of British supercomputer. He believes chief applications will be in recognition systems for robots and computer models of the human brain



The problem of programming parallel processors was simplified in 1983 by the development of the programming language, Occam.

The power and versatility of parallel computers, however, has hitherto been restricted by the bulkiness of their processing elements, which have had to be constructed from a number of chips making their processing ability a trade-off between power and choice of topology.

The Transputer, often referred to as the computer on a chip, has eliminated these restrictions because it is a complete processing element on a single chip. Conceived by Iann Barton, a founder of Immos, a British semi-conductor firm, it has been designed specifically for parallel processing and the use of Occam. Immos is a subsidiary of Thorn-Emi, which has been denying

rumours that it is ready to sell off stakes in Immos though does not discount the idea at a later date.

Made by the latest very-large-scale-integration (VLSI) techniques, it contains the equivalent of 200,000 transistors on a chip less than 9 mm square and contains a central processor which handles 32 bits of data at a time plus built-in memory and four high-speed communications links for exchanging data with other Transputers.

Thus parallel processors can now be smaller, more powerful and more versatile. They will also be significantly cheaper.

The new Floating Point processors offer processing power at one-tenth the price of present conventional large computers and their price will fall over the next few years. The Transputer chip itself costs about £350, but this is likely to

fall to £50 as production and demand increase.

In terms of topologies, Floating Point Systems has chosen a "hypercube" arrangement in which eight Transputers are linked to form the corners of a cube. The hypercube has been found to be the most efficient for complex arithmetic calculations.

Each hypercube is called a node and two nodes are housed in a desktop size cabinet giving processing power equivalent to a large main-frame computer.

Processing power can be increased simply by adding other hypercubes, the maximum number being 2,048, or 16,384 processors in all, to form a truly massive computer, although it would cost about £140 million. Such limitations do not apply

however to a British developed machine due to be launched in June. Called Computing Surface, its design allows a limitless number of processors to be linked together. Four machines are already in use in the field, three in the UK and one in Japan.

Computing Surface has been designed by Meiko which, despite its Japanese name, is an entirely British company formed last year to design and manufacture Transputer-based parallel processing systems. The founders were six Immos managers who played a leading role in developing the Transputer and left to form Meiko in order to develop computer systems based on the new chip.

Though the Transputer has enormous applications potential, Immos decided not to expand systems development, but to concentrate on semi-conductor design manufacture. Meiko has since designed and supplied Transputer-based computers to Immos for demonstration purposes and evaluation by customers. It has planned Computing Surface as a logical extension of the Transputer.

One of Meiko's founders, Miles Chesney, said: "Having been part of the team involved in implementing the Transputer, we are now taking the concept to the market place." He added: "Computing Surface is targeted at applications that have a fairly high procedural content such as pattern recognition systems for robots, and modelling the neural networks of the brain."

The Transputer, coupled with British work on the optical computer, could help the UK establish a leading position in information technology for the 21st century.

Full-scale alert on the green screen

By Kit Hardwick

It is a year now since I started to process my 200 employees' weekly wages on an Apricot PC using Pegasus software — hence the first 10,000. During that time I have become a great fan of computers, despite my original reluctance to drag myself at 40-plus into the electronics age, but I do have a couple of complaints.

The first is that the clock loses.

OK, I know it's a fault in one of the programs that knocks off the seconds every time it consults the clock, and that later versions do not do it. Even so, it makes you wonder what else it might have up its sleeve.

But the big one is number 72. The handbook says this is a "disc media error" — a hardware or disc problem occurred while the disc was being written to or read from.

It is far more than that. It is a full-scale alert. It starts with the green bar across the screen flashing angrily. This is accompanied by a manic beeping noise. You just sit there holding your breath. Impotent. Eventually it stops and shuts the whole program

down, reverting to the menu you started from.

It's like landing on the longest snake on the board.

When this happens, which is during the calculation or update of the wages run, you can sometimes just try again and it goes fine the second time. No explanations, no pack drill, it just seems to change its peevish little mind.

At its worst it will not play at all and you have to go back in last week's disc and start again.

The most common cause apparently is dirt on the disc. We think we have ruled that out now.

Another possibility is fluctuations in the power supply. We do not know if that is what the electricity board sends out or if it is caused by our washing machine switching to spin. Research continues. We wash at night.

Meanwhile, 72 is a signal for coffee and nail-biting.

And when I want to know the time, I have a 200-year-old weight-driven machine in the next room that works pretty well, so long as I wind it up every week.

Of course, in those days we exported high-techology.

Confidence failing in Silicon Wadi

By Daniel Grebler

Israel, noted for its battle-tested military hardware, hopes civilian high technology can spur economic growth — but the young industry faces serious obstacles.

The fashionable Tel Aviv suburb of Herzliya, dubbed Silicon Wadi, has become a home for many of Israel's high-technology firms, some linked to kibbutz collective settlements which are moving away from traditional agricultural work.

High technology already makes an impressive contribution to Israel's sick economy but the industry is plagued by cash shortages, weak marketing and a loss of engineers to better-paid jobs abroad.

Exports from the sector rose to \$2.18 billion last year from \$1.84 billion in 1984, almost half Israel's total sales abroad, excluding polished diamonds.

This adds up to average export growth of 22.3 per cent a year over the last decade, while other industries achieved only 12.4 per cent annually.

Most of the new firms are run by young engineers with significant Israeli military experience and advanced training in the United States and Europe. Tsvi Lavi of Aitech Systems said: "It is easier to assemble a top-level R and D (research and development) team in Israel than elsewhere." Aitech has developed a robust computer for outdoor industries such as railways, mining and forestry. "Don't forget," he added, "Israel is smaller than Los Angeles. People served together in the military and studied together — everyone knows everyone else."

But the military and electronics industries have recently laid off thousands of workers because of shrinking foreign markets and cuts in local defence spending.

Companies which have focused on military production are looking for civilian applications for their products. One industry source said: "There is a lot of know-how in the military sphere with nowhere to go."

Some veteran companies such as Scitex, a world leader in graphic imaging and editing, and Elscint, which makes equipment for hospitals, had serious problems last year. Elscint lost \$33 million.

which industry analysts attribute to marketing mistakes and poor planning and design. It accumulated heavy debts and industry sources say it is seeking buyers for its unprofitable divisions.

Hundreds of engineers have left the country for better paid jobs abroad, where salaries exceed their 1,500 to 2,000 dollar local monthly wage and are not ravaged by high taxes. Prime Minister Shimon Peres aims at expanding high technology exports by six billion dollars in the next decade.

Peres, who is credited with having laid much of the foundation for Israel's military industries while director-general of the defence ministry, says science and technology must become the basis for Israel's economy.

Israel has 500 firms in the fields of electronics, lasers, electro-optics, agro-technology and pharmaceuticals which devote a high percentage of their funds to research and development. But about 200 new firms have yet to start production and many fall within three years of completing research and development.

Yechiel Sheffer of Medical Machines for Export (MME), said: "Israel is not a country for mass production." Like many other governments, Israel has earmarked investment funds for new high technology firms. But the annual budget is only \$0 million.

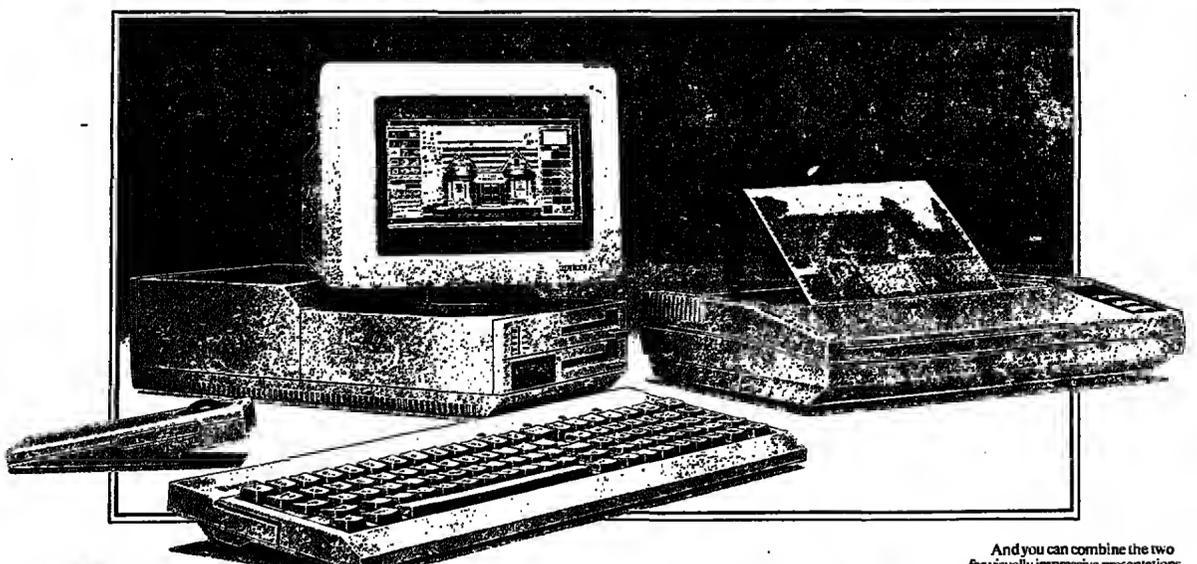
"This is not enough," says Rina Pridor, managing director of WorldTech, a firm which prepares investment packages for presentation to American investors and the Israeli government. Since 1980, WorldTech has raised about \$40 million for 25 projects.

Mrs Pridor said: "The investments are attractive to Americans with Israeli interests, but also for business purposes. It's more sensible to put money into something like this than just give charity."

She would like to see more government aid but Daniel Doron, an economist, fears that too much help would harm the effort by supporting uneconomic companies.

He said: "With all the enthusiasm high tech is receiving from our elected officials, I fear the government will embrace our science-based industries with a bang from which the companies will never recover." (Reuters)

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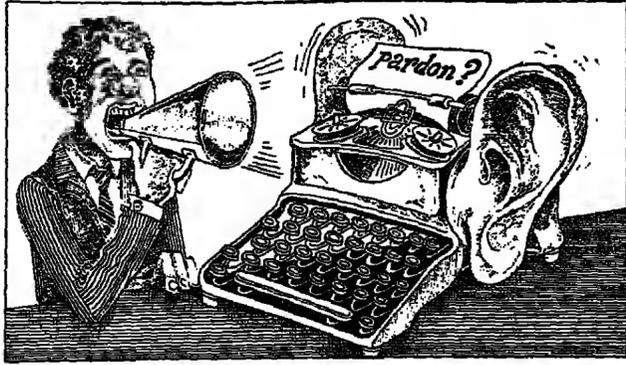
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3



By Martin Banks

George Orwell may have been ahead of his time back in 1948 when he came up with the idea of the Speakwrite machine. It seems increasingly likely that he will be proved right.

There is a continual, if quiet push towards developing a voice-activated typewriter system, some of the most recent work being performed at IBM's research centre in New York.

Its latest development is a speech-recognition system capable of working with a vocabulary of up to 20,000 words

Leader in a new field

and, significantly, capable of running on the IBM personal computer family.

Even more significantly, the system is said to be capable of recognizing the words in real time — in other words, you speak and the system will recognize the word and print it out as you talk.

It is an important breakthrough in speech recognition by IBM, which has already demonstrated itself to be a leader in developing this field.

The company's previously demonstrated attempts had shown a prototype dictation system capable of translating a mere 5,000 words.

As you speak, a printout

That system, shown by IBM in October 1984, required a large mainframe computer coupled to three large processors and was not particularly quick.

So in just 18 months, the company has quadrupled the vocabulary the system can work with and dramatically reduced the size of machine needed to a humble personal computer.

Though such systems are still prototypes, for which mass production is some years away, IBM has shown it will be possible to produce a system at a realistic price.

The real problems with a development such as this are how to exploit it and in what applications. The obvious application is Orwell's Speakwrite machine.

The dictating machine that can type out the words we say as they are uttered is every executive's dream status symbol.

It could also be an efficient tool, allowing executives to write memos and reports as they think of them.

However future users will have to stop saying *um* and *ah* — the system will dutifully print every single utterance. If that cannot be prevented, the system itself will have to incorporate a large number of complex routines with which to trap these vocal irrelevances.

Either way, a dictation system could end up costing a great deal more money than might seem necessary at first.

Either the system itself will have to incorporate these added capabilities or companies will have to pay for their executives to go on courses to

More complex, more power

be trained to think before they open their mouths.

An alternative application of real-time speech recognition lies outside the area of replacement typewriters as a method of searching for information in complex databases.

Current programs to search through them get ever more powerful and complex.

Such systems are still keyboard-based: the user has to type in questions and requests. It would be simpler if the user could speak the questions.

Again, however, this would lead to one vital development: for humans actually to think while talking.

Run for real micro-insurance cover

By Chris Naylor

Insurance policies for micros are usually arranged under three headings: all-risks cover, sometimes called basic damage cover; increased cost of working, sometimes called business interruption, and reinstatement of data.

The basic, all-risks cover is there to cover obvious hardware and, usually, purchased software costs. If your kit were wiped out, the basic question is how much would it cost you to buy the same again?

To answer that, you have to make an inventory of every single item of hardware and software which you've ever purchased and put a replacement value to it because if you just guess, you'll guess very low.

True, prices are falling — but you'd be surprised at just how much kit you can accumulate without really noticing it.

This cover can usually, if you want, be put on any all-risks policy — your office insurance, for instance, because all it does is to treat it as if it were a valuable box in the same way as an electric typewriter.

You should also bear in mind that computers, like video recorders in the home, have become the number-one target for office thefts after cash and this may mean that some insurance companies are not happy about including computers in the cover they offer.

In fact, Cornhill Insurance says that there are even cases of children pinching keyboards without the rest of the computer simply because they look valuable and desirable and might, just might, have been something like a Commodore 64 which would work by itself.

So, probably, you're better off with a real computer-insurance policy which acknowledges the specific risks which computers have been liable to. After the fire, General Accident, cites fire damage, malicious damage and incompetent maintenance as the highest risks for computers. So next time anyone tries to fix your machine, it may be as well to check that they know what they're doing.

Anyway, make your inventory and prepare for the worst. It isn't really worthwhile leaving anything off to keep the premiums down because the greater the cover you require the higher the premiums tend to be — so you don't usually save yourself that much by skimping.

For instance, £5,000 of cover with Sun Alliance would cost you £40 and just over £10,000 cover with the same firm would cost you £60 so that extra £5,000 of cover got thrown in for effectively £20.

It's also possible that, if disaster should strike and overall you're under-insured, the insurance company could apply a "condition of average" and only pay for a proportion of the loss if you only had a proportion of your risk insured. And once you get down below £5,000 of cover you tend to bump into firms' minimum premiums anyway.

Those Sun Alliance figures include a figure for Transit Risk — which is when the cover applies if the computer is removed from one set of premises to another. Handy if you're moving around a lot — but it tends to be costly with some firms.

In fact, it can double the premium you pay — as in the case with Guardian Royal Exchange — and most companies charge pretty dear for it. One or two do have a more casual attitude — Cornhill Insurance acknowledges that transit cover may only very occasionally be needed — as in the case where it's truly occasional, such as taking it for infrequent repairs. In this case they might throw it in for nothing but, by contrast, if it's

How long to return to normality?

a portable machine which you carry around with you all day they might not be interested in insuring it at all.

Increased cost of working is when the loss of your computers causes you to have to spend money doing things another way. You may, for instance, have to hire a machine or two while yours is being replaced, or hire extra staff to do the same work manually.

To figure out just how much cover you need think how long it would take you to get back to normal, reckon how much computer equipment you'd have to hire, how many extra staff and anything else you can think of. Most firms limit you to six months' extra cost of working on a standard policy and this seems like a handy figure to base your calculation on. If your figure seems low, add a bit because you'd be surprised just how dependent you can get on the machines.

A frequent comment of the insurance companies is that at first users see a new machine as a valuable box, which would not lead to any increased cost of working if lost. Imperceptibly, it takes over the running of their business for them until, by the time disaster strikes, they're well and truly locked in with it — and under-insured if it goes missing.

Reinstatement of data is another example of this — it costs nothing to restate your non-existent records on day one. But a year later it could take a whole year to do so — simply because everything you've ever done with the machine may need re-doing.

The obvious solution to this is to take back-ups and to keep these back-ups in a fire proof safe to minimize the risk. In fact, some companies will require you to take weekly back-ups; and some will demand that these back-ups be kept in a fire-proof safe. You should study the policy carefully in this respect.

After all, to my mind if you take weekly back-ups and keep them in a fire-proof safe you don't usually need much insurance for reinstatement of data. Yet the cost of a fire-proof safe might be so much more than the cost of the insurance that you don't want to buy the safe and, therefore, don't want to buy insurance that insists you have one.

There are quite a few subsidiary points worth bearing in mind when you buy insurance cover.

Most policies will provide cover against increased cost of working or loss due to failure of the public electricity supply — but read it carefully. The cover is handy but occasionally the first 30 minutes of loss will be excluded and because the loss is most likely to occur in the first fraction of a second (when your hard disc gets clobbered), it's of marginal value.

To guard fully against failure of the electricity supply you need a back-up power supply to tide you over those first few crucial minutes, after which, if the power does not come on again, the policy could be useful. But ask yourself when the electricity supply did last fail for a long period.

Many policies include breakdown insurance — a pretty mixed area because where this is given it usually requires you to have a maintenance contract anyway.

So what does the insurance give you? Generally, it's intended to cover the situation in which someone pours a cup of coffee over the machine and the coffee doesn't actually damage the machine which would be covered by the accidental damage aspect of all-risks, but causes a malfunction in the machine such that it goes and damages itself and needs repairing — a short circuit which possibly causes the power supply unit to blow up, or some such.

This may not be covered by accidental damage or by the maintenance contract so it's worth thinking about — but it is still a very grey area and may not be worth buying. Whatever you do though don't read breakdown cover to mean a substitute for a maintenance contract unless you're absolutely sure that this is what the policy means.

Several firms now offer packaged computer-insurance policies and these have the advantage of covering most risks in a convenient, fairly easy-to-understand policy whose premiums are known. This can be attractive and there's a lot to be said for buying a package if you haven't got any current computer insurance simply because it's quick and easy and gets you cover for the main risks immediately.

Tailor-made policy may cost less

But do not be put off by companies that do not offer packaged solutions — such as Commercial Union. The fact that packages are not available makes it well-nigh impossible for them to quote rates and terms because they will deal with each case independently.

But that doesn't mean that their rates are higher than other people's. They may be as cheap or cheaper.

Once you have the hang of computer insurance you may find that you want to move away from a packaged solution anyway to get something more tailored to your needs, a tailoring that may well reduce the cost. And if you have something other than computers to insure — the office, perhaps, or your business — you may find that tailored insurance helps to prevent expensive overlap or risky gaps between policies.

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Basic premium (*)	£5,000 = £8 (25%*) £10,000 = £7 (24.5%*) £20,000 = £6 (24%*) £50,000 = £5 (23.5%*)	£3.75 to 24	£5* (£1.25 as maintenance levels increase)	None — variable on individual risk	£50,000 = £3 £3.25 (+ breakdown)	£2 with transit
Transit risk (*)	—	25	£5***	As above	variable (pos. free)	—
Increased cost of working (*)	£3 + transit £2.50**	25	n/a on small machines	As above	£30-40,000 = £3 £10,000 = £10	Depends on indemnity period 6 months indemnity £3.50 £2
Reinstatement of data (*)	£4	£4.50	n/a on small machines	As above	Typically £3 £5,000 = £4	£2
Excess	£50	£50	£25	Variable	£25 (increase due)	£100
Maintenance contract	Optional	Yes	No	Optional (pos. more w/o)	Optional	Optional
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Smart way to capture magic minds on screen

By Alan Jenkins
One thing the purists are agreed upon: artificial intelligence is a terrible name to be burdened with.

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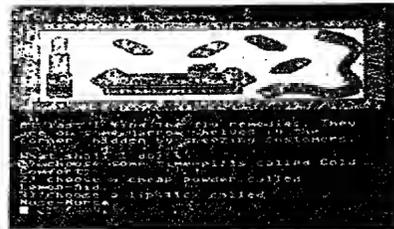
Artificial intelligence experts: Patrick Winston, left, and John F. Mucci

Manufacturing, or for experts in any field. John Mucci emphasizes the role of the individual in using artificial intelligence to improve productivity.

Bleep! It's goodbye Archers

By Philippa Toomey

Science fiction is one of those deeply worrying terms that make those of us who read, or write, fiction feel very uneasy indeed.



New game: Rewriting the story to suit yourself

Some fan might well be had, without the final solution, taken in one of the Tony Hancock TV programmes, of the whole of the cast falling over a cliff.

Euro leap ahead as ICL joins in Esprit?

By Frank Brown

ICL is to participate in a major new Esprit project which could put Europe in the forefront of chip technology.

Present-day systems for chip design produce special-purpose chips containing up to 100,000 transistors and can cater for devices incorporating up to a million transistors.

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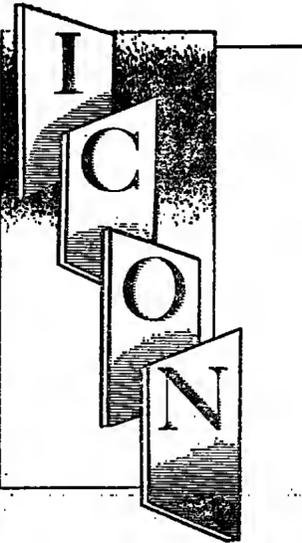
But the technology to fabricate such chips will not be available until the 1990s. It is a measure of the complex design problems the new chips will create, that work on developing the computer aided design tools needed to design them has to be started now.

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Beware, the consultant may really be a seller

By William Jacot

The term consultant has long been abused. In many disciplines and professions, consultant has become synonymous with sales rep in disguise.

The computer world is certainly no exception; but it has developed its own twists and associated risks. Those employing consultants for their computer expertise are perhaps made especially vulnerable to malpractice by the carefully nurtured mystique surrounding computers and the ill-disciplined nature of the computer market place.

While the hard-nosed business man or woman will not easily be taken in by the consultant covering selling insurance, pensions, advertising or similar services, his ignorance of matters computing, further confused by protective jargon, leaves him exposed to the sophisticated marketing techniques that have been developed to sell computers and their software.

With a little care, such disguised selling carried out directly by equipment suppliers, software houses and computer bureaux may be exposed, identified and placed in the correct business perspective. Such marketing techniques are by no means unethical and create merely a nuisance value until so exposed.

The real risk, however, is when consultants with apparently impeccable backgrounds undertake to provide advice from a base which has neither the independence nor the up-to-date experience to provide the professional knowledge and standards required.

The accountancy profession is one such example which is a source of some concern within the computer industry. Who better one might think to advise on a proposed computer system than one's own accountant?

A company's firm of accountants, often viewed as "uncle auditor" might seem the natural source of advice, especially with the accounting ledgers still providing nearly every small company's first computer application. No-body would expect or suspect one's accountants to have an axe to grind, but many do.

The large firms of auditing accountants have had their consultancy wings for many years. Some of these maintain a staff of more than 100 consultants professionally organized and of varied skills. But it is little known that most

of them are also in the business of selling either computer equipment or software.

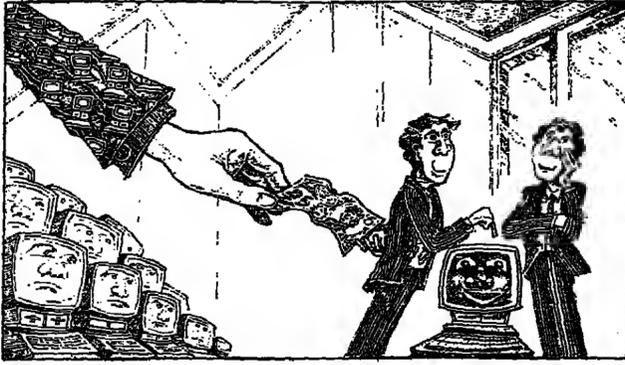
Such activities must be said to limit the objectivity of their advice and the independence of their selection techniques. A recent report exposed the way in which such activities are hidden behind a fog of evasion and excuses.

Among the middle-size and smaller accountancy firms, deals have sometimes been struck between the accountancy firm and computer supplier, whereby commercial inducements are made to recommend certain suppliers.

Given that the businessman seeking advice discovers or is told of the commercial ties of his accountant, what are the risks to which he then exposes himself?

There is the matter of independence. A would-be computer buyer expecting advice on which computer equipment and software best matches his business requirements, has a right to expect such advice to be free from all commercial interests of the adviser.

The risks to the businessman of accepting the advice of a consultant with business ties, however slight, is financial as well as procedural.



Salesmen consultants work on commission and would tend to gain up to three times their client's fee from the hardware and software suppliers. Such a consultant must at least be tempted to recommend the biggest technological bundle.

There is more to it than just independence and objectivity. Consultants influenced in their choice by equipment software or auditing experience and ties may well lack that broader knowledge of computing and business than are an essential part of the adviser's expertise.

How can the small-firm accountant, recently expert in his own system, advise on the requirements of a client for such varied applications as process control graphics, network and CAD? Computer

systems now control a company's total operations, not merely the accounts function.

Some such accountants are reported to have burnt their fingers. Advice given to clients too hastily based on insufficient experience has led to court actions for lack of professional duty of care.

The computer world has made belated and hesitant steps towards confining consultancy standards and monitoring their activities.

My own professional body, the APCC, has made a start in the right direction with a strict code of conduct for its members which demands both independence and high standards of professional conduct. There have been calls for legislation. If the accountancy

and computer people cannot put their own houses in order, it needs to be done for them. A self-regulating body, backed by the force of law might do much.

One thing is certain, because computers are here to stay the need for professional standards is proven if their potential in business and at home is to be unhindered by excessive and risk.

The computer buyer has the protection of the law on his side regarding a supplier's obligations to provide systems which are of merchantable quality and fit for the purpose provided and demands a duty of care by the supplier in the support provided.

William Jacot is a member of The Association of Professional Computer Consultants.

British high-flier clips its American wing

COMPUTER BRIEFING

The once high-flying British microcomputer company, Apricot Computers, is to sell its American arm, Apricot Inc., for a nominal sum after losses in the US of £14 million.

During its 14-month history sales were only \$4 million and the sale follows a history of British computer companies unable to gain a reasonable share of a market dominated by huge American computer corporations.

At Apricot Inc., which will be sold to two managers of the company, US sales dropped to 200 personal computers a month from a peak of 1,000. Money for the venture - acknowledged at the time to be a high-risk one - was raised through a British holding company, Apricot Ltd. Shareholders are expected to be able to convert their holdings into the main British company, Apricot Computers plc, which will itself suffer a 23 million write-off from its 20 per cent stake in Apricot Inc.

The Data Protection Registrar has issued a second pamphlet answering some further commonly asked questions about the Data Protection Act. Nearly all computer uses of personal information must be registered by May 11.

The booklet includes a look at whether the holding of data for payroll, pensions and accounts purposes has to be registered. Says the registrar: "These activities are ones where many users may incorrectly assume they are automatically exempt."

Pamphlets on the Act are available free from Wiltshire (0625) 535777.

Europe's first computer-disc factory using thin-film technology has started limited production in north Wales. Previously thin-film products were produced only on the west coast of America and in Japan.

The reason Europe took so long to enter the field, said Dennis Mahoney, managing director of the company, Data Magnetics is that "firstly very few people in the world know how to make the product and it is very difficult to make. Secondly it needs an immense amount of capital investment."

Ted Spencer, a Bell telephone company official, said: "Apparently a problem developed in a computer program - in the software. We don't have a record of the calls that got through. They bypassed the billing system."

The problem became public after the arrest last week of an Israeli vice consul alleging he and his wife made a two-hour phone call from the lobby of a Sears office building without paying.

The success of Amstrad's £450 word processor has begun to spawn a number of books offering to assist in getting to grips with the machine.

First off the mark was Using the PCW 8256, by Mike Gerrard, which is already going into a second edition and is published by First Software at £9.95.

In three weeks there will two further books: Amstrad Word Processing on the PCW 8256 at £8.95 and Introducing Amstrad CP/M Assembly Language at £9.95, for those wanting to penetrate the mysteries of the computer's operating system. Both are written by Ian Sinclair and published by Collins.

The UK's first Computing Recruitment Fair takes place this Friday and Saturday at the Novotel in London's Hammersmith. More than 30 companies, including British Telecom, Barclays and the Prudential, will have booths at the fair, where job-hunters in the computing field can go and apply on the spot.

The idea of job fairs started in Scandinavia and the organizers, Intro UK, plan to run two more fairs later this year if all goes well this weekend.

Commodore is to launch its latest computer, the Amiga, in Britain on May 9. The advanced technical capabilities of the machine have been widely praised in computer magazines though no-one seems quite sure who might buy it.

Though a superb toy for the home-computer enthusiast, its expected price tag of £1,500 means that it will have to appeal to the business user if it is to sell in any quantity - and compete against computers specifically made for the business market that start under £1,000. The price has already been cut by \$600 in the US to under \$1,300.

Based on stock value, IBM is the most valuable US company, with a total stock-market worth of \$91.7 billion. Business Week says: "The value of IBM's stock is more than twice that of the next two highest companies, Exxon, valued at \$40.1 billion, and General Electric, \$34.7 billion."

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2. That Arthur John Potts of the firm of Arthur John Potts & Co., Chartered Accountants, be and is hereby appointed as the Liquidator of the Company with effect from the date of his appointment.
3. That the Account of the Liquidator's receipts and disbursements and the conduct of the Winding-Up of the Company be and is hereby approved.

Dated the 8th day of April 1986.
H. J. FINCHETT
LIQUIDATOR

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RACING: STOUTE'S MUCH-VAUNTED FILLY IS WELL FORWARD AND FAVOURED BY WEIGHTS IN NEWMARKET 1,000 GUINEAS TRIAL

Sonic Lady looks classic part

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The first day's programme of this year's three-day Craven meeting at Newmarket features the Craven Stakes as it has traditionally done, but the Nell Gwyn Stakes for three-year-old fillies. The switch from the traditional Thursday slot now means that budding classic fillies will have a couple of extra days in which to complete their preparation for the 1,000 Guineas.

To the past 10 years this particular trial has been a pretty good guide as far as the 1,000 Guineas is concerned, with Oh So Sharp, Pebbles, Fair Footsteps and One to A Million all winning it before attaining greater fame and fortune by also winning our first classic of the season 8 fortnight later.

Today's race should be informative because the field includes Sonic Lady and Embla, who are currently second and third favourites in the ante-post betting on the classic.

To justify her position Sonic Lady ought to beat Embla at a difference of 5lb, so she is my selection. Last season Michael Stoute, the successful Newmarket trainer, suddenly found himself in the enviable position of having a whole

host of good two-year-old fillies in his care and Sonic Lady was reputedly the best. Hence the reason why she was backed by those in the know to win the 1,000 before she had even set foot on a racecourse.

When she did appear she made mince-meat of her rivals at Ascot towards the end of September. All the same, there is still a world of difference between the form of a maiden race and that of the group one Cheveley Park Stakes, which Embla won on her fourth start last appearance as a two-year-old.

What adds spice to today's race is the fact that Embla was rated exactly 5lb better than Sonic Lady and that is precisely the difference between them now, when, to make matters even more interesting, they have been drawn alongside one another at the start.

Yesterday George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, who has been watching the two principals do all their groundwork on the Heath recently, told me that the trainer of Sonic Lady at this juncture because he believes that she is the more forward.

So Sonic Lady will also do for me. Our man at Newmarket also added that Stoute is hopeful of winning the Geoffrey Barling Maiden Stakes with Royal Nugget and the Ladbrooke Handicap with Lastowner.

While conceding that backing three-year-old fillies at this time of the year, especially when it has been as cold as it has recently, is a full of pitfalls, I still feel that Royal Nugget (2.35) should have to only give of her best (and last year that best was a narrow defeat by the 1,000 Guineas favourite, Kingsote, at Ascot in July) to break the ice, although I am bound to pass on a very encouraging word indeed for Vianora, Guy Harwood's runner.

To going for Lastowner (4.10) I am acutely aware of the fact that I am putting all my eggs in one basket and that is all the more chance before a stable shows itself to be in form. So those who prefer an alternative can choose between Goose Hill, from Mick Easterby's stable, and Emrys, who is trained by Nicky Vignos.

Neither men have done much wrong of late and the same applies to Paul Cole, the trainer of Cadmium, my selection for the Jerry Spencer-Smith Memorial Handicap. Since moving to Whatcombe, Cole has had a marvellous run and Cadmium, a son of the Irish and French Legat winner, Niniski, should continue to keep the success flowing now that he is racing over a distance that should suit him both temperamentally and on breeding.

Being by Longlet and out of a mare by Swing Easy, Jonleat, Lester Piggott's runner in the EBF Stuntney Maiden Stakes has a fast pedigree. However, in this instance my information is that he may well have to give best to Neville Callaghan's runner, Sley Limer, and out of a mare by the Go-Between, is not exactly devoid of fast blood himself.

But, in my opinion, the day's best bet is to be found at Devon and Exeter, where I got Stang is napped to win the RMC Group Novices' Hurdle. Already a winner by 20 lengths at Lingfield and a distance at Hutoigodoo, James Delahouke's six-year-old is clearly a bit above average.

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Cecil gets flyer with Tussac

By Michael Phillips

The first runners of the new season from the powerful stables of Henry Cecil and Michael Dickinson enjoyed contrasting fortunes in the Frivy Councilor Stakes at Folkestone yesterday. Tussac, representing the record-breaking Cecil, six times champion trainer and the first to win a million pounds in a season, started at 7-4 and backed up to an effortless 10-length victory. But Bolivia, a 10-1 chance and the first runner for Dickinson in his new job as Robert Sangster's private trainer, could not drag her feet out of the heavy ground and trailed in a bad last, 32 lengths behind the winner.

Cecil is expected to have plenty of runners at Newmarket, his home meeting, this week and the style of Tussac's success can only be encouraging for the trainer, who has 169 horses in his charge.

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NEWMARKET C4

Televised: 2.35, 3.5, 3.40, 4.10

Going: good Draw: no advantage

- 2.0 EBF STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o colts and geldings; £2,385: 6f) (4 runners)
1 2 FRENCH TUTOR (B) (Mrs M Beadford) R Hamon 9-0 M McGlone 8
2 JONLEAT (M) (C) (Dobson) Piggott 9-0 W R Stubbins 2
3 EASTON (M) (C) (Dobson) Piggott 9-0 R Cochrane 4
4 ONE LINER (B) (A-S) (M) Callaghan 9-0 Pat Edworthy 1
7-4 French Tutor, 9-2 Jonleat, 7-2 One Liner, 4-1 Mister Majestic

- 2.35 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o fillies; £3,814: 7f) (19)
1 201 ASSINCE OF MALICE (M) (Thornhill) B Hamon 8-11 R Cochrane 4
2 202 ADRIAN (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 203 APOROSIA (M) (J) (Dobson) Piggott 8-11 R Cochrane 4
4 204 GAVIN (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
5 205 GREAT LEGIONS (A) (B) (M) Hamon 8-11 M McGlone 8
6 206 GREED (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
7 207 HARDY CHANCE (M) (K) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
8 208 HIGHLAND BALL (M) (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
9 209 LINDSAY (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
10 210 MISS NICKS (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
11 211 MISS TIMED (M) (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
12 212 NIKKI (M) (A) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
13 213 QUEEN OF BATTLE (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
14 214 ROTAL MIDGEOT (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
15 215 SCORPION (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
16 216 VIANORA (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
17 217 ZAMBRODA (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
18 218 5-yr Royal Nugget, 7-2 Kingsote, 9-2 Goomba, 8-1 Eastern Horse, 8-1 Vianora, 10-1 Great Luffa, 12-1 Zambroda, 14-1 Aphrosia, 18-1 others

Newmarket selections

- 2.0 One Liner, 2.35 Royal Nugget, 3.5 Sonic Lady, 3.40 Cadmium, 4.10 Lastowner, 4.40 Pretty Grant.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 One Liner, 2.35 Royal Nugget, 3.5 Sonic Lady, 3.40 Stan the Man, 4.10 Lastowner, 4.40 Bonny Light.
By Michael Seely
2.35 Royal Nugget, 3.5 Sonic Lady, 4.10 LASTCOMER (nap).

- 3.5 NELL GWYN STAKES (Group III; 3-y-o fillies; £14,440: 7f) (9)
1 211 ALMA (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 212 ALMA (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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- 4.10 LABROKE HANDICAP (3-y-o; £3,064: 7f) (17)
1 501 MISS WOODRUFF (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 502 MISS WOODRUFF (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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- 4.40 STITCHWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o; £3,813: 6f) (22)
1 601 BERTIE WOODER (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: soft Draw: 5f, high numbers best

- 2.15 TULIP APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-y-o; £1,196: 1m 3f) (7 runners)
1 301 OWL CASTLE (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 302 OWL CASTLE (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 303 OWL CASTLE (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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7 307 OWL CASTLE (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

- 2.45 FORGET-ME-NOT SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O; £577: 5f) (2)
1 2 BANGS GOLD (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 2 BANGS GOLD (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

CATERICK

Going: good to soft

- 2.15 INCREMENT WEATHER NOVICE HURDLE (2:11; 2m) (21 runners)
1 8211 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 8212 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 8213 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
4 8214 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
5 8215 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
6 8216 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
7 8217 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

- 2.45 TWENTY BELOW NOVICE CHASE (E1,024: 3m 300yds) (17)
1 8218 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 8219 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 8220 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
4 8221 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
5 8222 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
6 8223 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
7 8224 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

- 3.15 SNOWDRIFT HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,242: 2m) (17)
1 8225 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 8226 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 8227 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
4 8228 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
5 8229 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
6 8230 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
7 8231 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

- 4.45 FROZEN GROUND NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O; 2567: 2m) (21 runners)
1 8232 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 8233 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
3 8234 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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7 8238 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1

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CATERICK TRAINERS: M S Dickinson 25 winners from 60 runners, 41.7%; M S Dickinson 25 winners from 60 runners, 41.7%; M S Dickinson 25 winners from 60 runners, 41.7%.

FONTWELL PARK

Going: good to soft

- 2.0 KYBO NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o; £264: 2m 2f) (17 runners)
1 8239 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
2 8240 TAY (M) (S) (M) Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edworthy 1
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Fontwell selections

- 2.0 Wantage, 2.30 Takeaway, 3.0 Predominate, 3.30 Pharaoh's Own, 4.0 Man O'Magic, 4.30 Autumn Zulu, 5.00 Snowy Pearl.
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Going: Good

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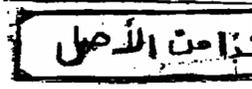
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- 2.0 Berty Heath, 2.30 Eva Olley, 3.0 Kathies Lad, 3.30 Redgrave Artist, 4.0 I GOT STUNG (nap), 4.30 Wild Corn.
2.30 T-SHIRT SALES & LESUREWEAR MARES ONLY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,190: 2m 110yds) (16)
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Greenall can close gap

The Point-to-Point Owners Association held their meeting postponed for 10 days ago, at Ashore this afternoon (Brian Bell writes). With Mike Felton waiting for the Axe Vale tomorrow, where he rides Tough and Rugged in the open and Berghill in the restricted, Peter Greenall has the opportunity of closing the gap of four between them. His best chance would seem to be his selection of Run Token and Sandulife Boy to the restricted race, as Desert Fox looks to be difficult to beat in the open.

TORAY'S PICTURES. Duke Of Beaufort & Jod Forest, Prince Haughey 10; Palsbrook & Ovens Association, Ashore (2).



FOOTBALL: ROBSON RECALLS STEVENS, TOTENHAM'S MR VERSATILE

England have veteran Francis in reserve as the big heat looms

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

One old player and one relatively young have been invited back to the threshold of England's World Cup squad...



Francis Leecker under study added only two more. His last was at the end of the largely irrelevant visit to Australia almost three years ago.

Because of his age, he will fill the role of understudy to Lineker, a quicker, younger leader of the attack with a more established striking rate...

Soviet Union last month. They include his captain and namesake, Bryan, the other Gary Stevens, and Evertton Reid, Dixon and Watson...

Martin, left out of the side in Tbilisi for disciplinary reasons after being sent off at Arsenal, is again overlooked but only because he will be defending West Ham United's championship challenge...

The pair have been asked by Robson to travel together from Upton Park and join the rest of the party for general World Cup talks...

Fenwick will be another late arrival. He will head Queen's Park Rangers to the Milk Cup final against Oxford United...

Stevens retained his place and gained his third cap for the 1-0 victory to Belfast in February last year, but his international promise then collapsed temporarily under the weight of a post-match challenge at White Hart Lane...

Campbell fits into Bingham's plans

David Campbell, the 20-year-old Nottingham Forest forward, was yesterday named in Northern Ireland's squad for the game against Morocco at Windsor Park, Belfast on April 23...

Paul Ramsey, who is currently out with a groin strain, is also called but no place has been found for Martin O'Neill, of Fulham, a former captain, who, like Hamilton, has been suffering from a knee injury...

Everton stick to Lineker

Gary Lineker, who on Sunday was voted the Footballer of the Year, will lead Everton's challenge for championship glory at Wembley tonight...

Robertson, who has scored 12 goals in the past 12 games, is at the moment the hottest property in Scottish football and if Everton Cup places were to be awarded to the club, Robertson would form the Hearts player should be in with a real chance...



Down and out: Becker, handicapped in Dallas by a torn muscle in his right thigh, topples to his first defeat against Jarryd

Bath have strong claims to places on England B tour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Bath will be strongly represented in the England B party to tour Italy next month, which is due to be named today...

Geraint John, of Bridgend, Wales will be particularly well served at half back...

The Welsh B squad was announced yesterday, and includes four senior internationals, Gary Pearce, Phil Lewis, Gareth Roberts, and Ray Giles...

The three-quarter line has a look of youth and considerable potential, the old experienced hand of Rutherford - who should have been an original selection in the squad - to bring the best out of them.

Jarryd is let in by injury

Dallas (UPI) - Anders Jarryd, of Sweden, picked up the biggest prize of his career when he defeated Boris Becker...

Becker, who right thigh had to be strapped up in the third set because of a muscle injury, won \$80,000...

The 18-year-old Becker has been advised not to play for at least 10 days. His next scheduled Grand Prix tournament is set for the week of April 20 in Monte Carlo.

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INTERNATIONALS battling for a final place

Two international forwards, Billy Hamilton and Jeremy Charles, are vying for the right to lead Oxford United's attack against Queen's Park Rangers in the Milk Cup final next Sunday...

ICE HOCKEY Late goal boosts Rockets

By a Correspondent

The first weekend of the Heineken Championship quarter-final play-offs went largely according to form with all four home teams successful...

FOR THE RECORD

- BASEBALL: UNITED STATES: Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal Expos 3... FOOTBALL: LOS ANGELES: Los Angeles 1, Atlanta 0... TENNIS: Boris Becker 6-7, 6-1, 6-4, Anders Jarryd...

ENTERTAINMENTS

- ART GALLERIES: GERRARD MALVERN GALLERY... CINEMAS: GARDNER PLAZA 488 2445... THEATRE: THEATRE ROYAL, SWANSEA...

Racing results from yesterday's three meetings

Table with columns for race name, horse names, jockeys, and times. Includes sections for Folkestone, Wolverhampton, and Wetherby.

GOLF Final scores from the US Masters

Table listing golfers and their scores in the US Masters tournament.

Wetherby

Wetherby racing results including horse names, jockeys, and times.

Real estate advertisement for Studios, Apartments, Villas, Chateaux & Islands in the Sun. Includes contact information for 01-481 4000.

Celebration is soured by tour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The International Rugby Football Board had a paper on amateurism during the first full day of their centenary congress yesterday: at the same time they may well have pondered the implications of the unofficial tour to South Africa by a New Zealand party, plus one American - which was confirmed by Colin Meads, coach to the party, over the weekend.

It is an embarrassing irony that the delegates from 54 countries now gathered for the congress at Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire include Cees Blazey, retiring chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Council, and Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, both of whom say they know nothing of the tour. Moreover the delegates will all assemble in Cardiff tomorrow to watch a match in which several of the participants are presumed to be leaving for South Africa after this week.

The visit of the New Zealand party which is, substantially, the same as that picked for last year's aborted official tour, can be taken in several ways: as defiance by New Zealand rugby men who believe their council failed to prepare for a legal injunction which forced last year's tour cancellation; as defiance at the pusillanimity of various countries in failing to maintain relationships with South Africa; the private ambition of a large group of leading players who at the point of retirement wish to test themselves against the Springboks amid suspicion that inducements of an unacceptable nature in an amateur game have been made available to them.

Mr Blazey, reacting to initial reports that groups of players had left Wellington and Christchurch, apparently en route for South Africa, said: "I personally and the New Zealand Rugby Union know nothing about it. We did give permission for seven named players to accept invitations offered by the Transvaal and the Natal Unions, but if these reports are true then it is contrary to well-

established practice between member unions of the board and, as far as I am aware, would be the first time that a union had not gone through the correct procedure.

"If these players have gone to South Africa without our permission, that would be completely unacceptable to the New Zealand council. The consequences would have to be determined by a meeting of the council, half of whom are in Britain and the other half in New Zealand."

An obvious course open to the council would be the suspension of all concerned, including the management team of Meads and Ian Kirkpatrick, another distinguished former All Black. Meads was recently appointed an All Blacks selector and he is an official of the NZRU, which makes the situation even more embarrassing. Whether an exception could be made of the seven players who received permission to go, as part of a presumed international party, is open to doubt.

Suspension en masse, however, would have critical playing consequences for New Zealand. Brian Lochore, who is also here to coach the overseas teams in this week's centenary matches, has to prepare a team to play France in June, followed by a three-match series against Australia in August-September. In the autumn the All Blacks visit France for a two-match series and there is of course the world cup next year to bear in mind.

Cynical opinion suggests that the All Blacks could return from South Africa battle-hardened and ready for the French - but that depends on the New Zealand council allowing them to play and how many of them remain on their feet after playing "internationals" against South Africa on four successive Saturdays in May. Otherwise Lochore will have to start from scratch, since only two of New Zealand's current side, John Kirwan and David Kirk,

are known not to be going to South Africa.

The New Zealand authorities know they have to take punitive action (and will not need other delegates at Heythrop to tell them so) otherwise we will be approaching a state of anarchy. How sad it is that an occasion which should be cause for celebration will now be completely overshadowed, how necessary the whole affair suggests a world authority for the game is required.

The unofficial tourists have been vociferously condemned by anti-apartheid bodies, by other sporting bodies wary of the knock-on effect of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh later this year, and by their own Prime Minister, David Lange, who said: "Rugby is now a source of credibility, a source of respect, unable to tell the truth, unable to tell Mr Blazey what is going on."

The overseas players trained at the Glamorgan Wanderers ground in Cardiff yesterday without Estève, the French wing who missed a connecting flight. They did, however, have Laurent Rodiguez available in place of another injured French back row player, Eric Champ, and the 19-stone South African prop, Plippie Van Der Merwe, who, with Gary Knight, of New Zealand, have taken the place of two unavailable South African props, Hennie Van Aswegen and Hempties du Toit.

Proposed tour schedules in South Africa: April 23: v Junior Springboks (Johannesburg); April 26: v Northern Transvaal (Pretoria); 30: v Orange Free State (Bloemfontein); May 3: v Transvaal (Johannesburg); 6: v Western Province (Cape Town); 10: v South Africa (Cape Town); 13: v Natal; 17: v South Africa (Cape Town); 20: v South African Barbarians (Johannesburg); 24: v South Africa (Pretoria); 27: v Western Transvaal (Potchefstroom); 31: v South Africa (Johannesburg).

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The dreamer who has realized a dream: Nicklaus, with last year's winner Langer, after his victory at Augusta

Master Nicklaus turns back the clock

From Mitchell Platts, Augusta, Georgia

The first item on the agenda yesterday for the new US Masters champion was to tee up his ball in a family foursome. Jack Nicklaus had little time to bathe in the glory of his record sixth victory here on Sunday. Instead his sons, Jack Jr, Steven, Gary and 12-year-old Michael, insisted that he gave them the first chance to beat the 1986 title holder. "If it weren't for them and my wife Barbara, who has been so supportive, I probably wouldn't be playing," said Nicklaus. "So I can hardly deny them a game especially as Jack, our eldest, has spent the last few days carrying my bag around Augusta."

As the encouragement of his family. It was put there by John Montgomery, a business partner and friend, and it implied: "You're dead, through, all washed up." In truth, Nicklaus has always possessed a sufficient pride in his own performance and an ability to motivate himself so as not to need such remarks to galvanize his game. But he admitted after his latest triumph, which, at 46, made him the oldest champion in the history of the Masters, that on this occasion it swelled his desire. "It made me sizzle for a while," said Nicklaus. Something like that can spur you on.

Nicklaus's astonishing performance, during which he turned back the clock a decade or two, produced one of the most exhilarating moments in the game's history as he moved past Greg Norman, Tom Kite and Severiano Ballesteros to win the coveted green jacket.

There seemed little prospect of a Nicklaus victory as he laboured through the first eight holes, with Sandy Lyle as his playing partner, looking more like the player who had won \$4,404 from seven tournaments this season than the one who dominated the game for 20 years.

Meanwhile, Ballesteros, who started out one behind Norman, forged his way to the front and when he made an eagle three at the 13th appeared to be in complete control. Nicklaus, who had launched a typically audacious charge which gathered momentum as the spectators sensed that all was well again with their almost-forgotten hero. He had collected four birdies in five holes from the ninth and an eagle three from 15 feet at the 15th (500 yards) trans-

SQUASH RACKETS

A quick delivery

By Colin McQuillan

Philip Kenyon, the national champion, is known for his excellent preparation before major tournaments. Yesterday he brought a perfection of timing to his first-round victory in the Hi-Tec British Open Championships that suggests even the promise of a quarter-final against Jahangir Khan, the undefeated world champion, will not deter him in pursuit of the game's greatest title. Kenyon took just 36 minutes to dismiss Bo Bostrom, of Sweden 9-6, 9-1, 9-1 at Dunning's Mill Squash Club just before his wife, Charmaine, was taken to hospital for the birth of their first child.

He now has 48 hours until his second round Wednesday match against Simon Taylor, a Nottingham-based qualifier. Jahangir Khan will meet Christy Willstrop, another English qualifier, on Wednesday. The quarter-finals will be played at Wembley on Saturday.

CRICKET

Time for change of captaincy

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, St John's, Antigua

As David Gower conducted the usual rest-day press conference here yesterday morning, less than a pitch's throw from the sparkling sea, it was natural to wonder whether it would be his last as England's captain. After such a disastrous tour his position can hardly be secure, and the selection committee of Peter May, Philip Sharp, Alan Smith and the new recruit, Fred Titmus, will very soon address themselves to the matter of the England captaincy in the coming summer. The first of the five one-day internationals, against India, is to be played at The Oval on May 24.

No one who has been in the West Indies with England's cricketers can be in the slightest doubt that there has been a depressing lack of leadership. It has to be a major reason for the failure of the side to come to grips with many of their problems. Last Saturday afternoon, only a week before going home, they gave their worst performance in the field. It was as though nothing had been learnt from the last two months.

The captain himself had a lot to answer for when England were left with as many as 275 to score to avoid the follow-on, not least because of the way he had induced Gower's own 70 not out made fairly sure that they would get them. There you have the two sides of the man: at once the most lackadaisical of captains and the most gifted of batsmen.

When questioned about his casual attitude towards captaincy, on the field and off it, Gower has a stock reply: "It was good enough in India and against Australia last summer." So it was. On the other hand, when something more has been needed, as against West Indies in England in 1984 and out here this winter, nothing has been forthcoming. While not preventing him from being England's most successful batsman in the Test matches (he averages 41), Gower's own indifference to practice has had a damaging effect on the other players. Never was there more of a need to a disciplined approach to a tour or a greater lack of one.

In recent years, after abortive campaigns in the Caribbean, Botham, Kapil Dev of India and Geoff Howarth of New Zealand have all lost Test captaincies. A factor towards Mike Brearley's outstanding record in charge of England was that he was spared having to lead them against West Indies. It is therefore important, and only fair, to make allowances for those captains who are less fortunate than Brearley was. For all that, selectors must beware of complacency, as Gower himself seems not to. My impression is that the England players need a new impetus. Without it, they could find themselves drifting through Australia next winter as they have been drifting through the West Indies.

Before he was made England's captain in 1984 I supported Gower's claims. I find it harder to do so now, and there being two years before we would see a suitable time to change captaincy, this would seem a suitable time to change. Should the selectors think so too, Gooch and Edmonds are the three from the present team to be considered. Nicholas took the B side to Sri Lanka, but Test cricket is something very different from that. There is no one to be pulled out of the bat as Willis was and no wily old county captain to come and do a stint as Fletcher did. Even Botham himself must have accepted by now that he will never do it again.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Birmingham set out their plans

Denis Howell, president of the Birmingham Olympic committee, yesterday unveiled the city's plans to host the 1992 Olympic Games. Birmingham's submission contains full details of the facilities for the 27 sports, accommodation in the Olympic village, transport, medical facilities and security.

There are also three other major events - an arts festival, an international science conference and the World Disabled Games - being planned to complement the staging of the Olympics. Mr Howell explained that Birmingham would be spending about £2½ million on their campaign, about a quarter of the amount proposed by Barcelona, the favourites to host the Games.

YACHTING

Britain leads field in transatlantic race

Entries closed yesterday for the Carlberg sponsored two-handed transatlantic race which leaves Plymouth for Newport, Rhode Island on June 8. The Royal Western Yacht Club of England, organizers of this five-yearly epic challenge, expressed the hope that more than 60 entries will rally to the starting signal fired by Paul Elvstrom, the Danish Olympic medalist.

The official entry list is 80-strong but, with some French crews known to be entering the rival Liberty Race from Rouen to New York next month and others having not paid their entry fee, the number is reduced to 61 definite entries.

REAL TENNIS

Ronaldson has his revenge

Chris Ronaldson, the world champion, won the George Wimpey world open singles tournament at Moreton Morrell at the weekend, defeating Lachlan Deuchar, from Melbourne, 6-5, 6-3, 6-4 (William Stephens writes).

Final move

The English Basket Ball Association have applied to stage the final of the European Champion Clubs' Cup for the first time at Wembley next season. The EBBA hope it can take place on Thursday, April 2, the day before the start of the domestic national championship play-offs.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bahrain farewell

Bahrain - Keith Burkinshaw will return to England this summer at the end of his contract as manager of Bahrain's football team. The former Tottenham Hopsport manager said: "I just wanted to go home." But the Bahrain Football Association said they had decided at a board meeting not to renew his contract.

Bearing up

Fulham, the Rugby League club saved from extinction a fortnight ago, have added Bears to their name.

Ban remains

The 12 English women cricketers suspended for a year for playing in South Africa, have failed to persuade the Women's Cricket Association to lift the ban.

Wark out

John Wark, the Liverpool footballer, has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a leg injury.

Family affair

Chris and David Ward, the Norfolk brothers, have been named in England's bowlers team for the Commonwealth Games this summer.



Burkinshaw: on way home

WEST INDIES: First innings 474 (2 L. Haynes 211, M. D. Marshall 78, M. A. Holding 78, R. A. Harper 60).

ENGLAND: First innings 51 (G. A. Gooch 84, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56).

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10th innings: G. Gooch 84, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56, G. Gooch 56.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Same again

Satisfied with England's performance in the international hockey tournament at Largs, the national selectors have kept the same squad for the Women's World Cup in July (Joyce Whitehead writes).

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New threat

Lisa Bellingier is still at the top of the English national table tennis rankings. But the 19-year-old from Dunstable faces a new challenge from Lancashire's Joy Grundy who won the English closed title at Oldham last month.

Just in time